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BOILING-MAD WIFE COOKS HUBBY IN GARLIC SAUCE!

Jungle savages stole my bride!

By ROBIN JAMES

A young couple's jungle honeymoon turned into a horrible nightmare when they were captured by a bizarre tribe of savage mole people.

A bizarre tribe of mole people capture honeymooning wife!

The groom escaped but he had to leave his weeping bride behind.

"I will not rest until I can return with a force of mercenaries and liberate her," vowed Frederick Gutmann, the anguished 34-year-old bridegroom, from his hotel room in Maracaibo, Venezuela.

"I know my Mimi is still alive in the mole people's hidden cave world. But I shudder to think about what they will do with her. I believe they plan to use her for breeding purposes."

The West German geologist for a huge mining firm was combining business with pleasure when he took his 27-year-old bride into the mountainous interior of Venezuela. They were searching the unexplored reaches of the Orinoco River for gold and silver deposits and natural reservoirs of oil.

"We expected to encounter natives and possibly even headhunters, but we run into a horror right out of the movies," said Gutmann. "One night, our camp was overrun by hideous pale-skinned men with huge, bug-like eyes the size of golf balls. They took Mimi, our three guides and myself prisoner and marched us through the jungle to the base of a mountain and then into the hidden opening of a cave.

"It was nearly pitch black inside, but the mole men could see perfectly. Their eyes had apparently become specialized over generations of inbreeding and their pupils were the size of coins, letting in whatever light there was."

Gutmann said they were led down into a deep underground cavern which held the village of these strange people.

"This cavern was nearly a half mile long and as high as the inside of a great cathedral," said the geologist.

"I'd say there were 400 men, women and children lived there in the blackness. We could see a little because of the small fires they built for cooking.

"But because of their horribly deformed eyes, they needed no light to see."

Gutmann and the three other men were put in a cage. Poor Mimi was placed in a hut with several women.

"I was going mad," he said. "Their leaders and several of their warriors kept visiting her. They'd make her strip and parade around naked so they could ogle her."

One by one, his three guides were killed, and Gutmann said the mole people used them to pole and used them for target practice with their spears.

As he was being led to a post, Gutmann said he broke free and began racing for the tunnel leading to the entrance.

"They didn't follow me immediately," he said. "I guess they thought I'd have no chance of escape. But luck was on my side.

"When I reached the entrance to the cave, it was daylight. I plunged into the brightness.

"The warriors were stupefied and couldn't follow."

Authorities in Venezuela told Gutmann they could not launch a search for his wife for several months.

"Indian legends from the time of the Spanish Conquest of South America tell of a white-skinned people who dwell in the mountains and under the ground," said Army Col. Miguel Ortenza.

"However, no one has ever proven the existence of these people. We will mount a search for Mr. Gutmann's wife as soon as possible. Because of the remoteness and dangers of the region, it will take time to train soldiers for the expedition."

Meanwhile, Gutmann is determined to hire mercenaries and search for Mimi on his own.

"I nearly go mad thinking about poor Mimi being forced to mate with these hideous beings," said Gutmann.

He said he is furious with the government for refusing to mount a rescue expedition immediately.

"Who knows what could happen to her in the hands of these creatures?

"Every minute we delay could be her last moments on

A HAPPY honeymoon came to an end when terrified couple Frederick and Mimi Gutmann were carried off into the darkness by savage, bug-eyed natives. Bride Mimi was left behind when her hubby escaped

$280G haul for tag-along crooks

Two crafty crooks have raked in more than $280,000 in loot by spotting expensive cars on the street, following the drivers home and robbing them before they can get inside.

The brazen bandits have pulled off 29 similar stickups in swanky sections of Los Angeles during the past few months, cops said.

Lawmen said the culprits are on the lookout for Mercedes-Benzes and other ritzy cars, especially those occupied by lone women.

They follow the driver until he or she pulls up at home. Then one of the crooks jumps out of their car shouting, "Give us your money and jewelry."

In one recent night's work, the robbers got away with nearly $30,000 worth of cash, furs and jewelry from three Mercedes drivers.

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Man gives his fortune away — one dollar at a time!

An 81-year-old man is giving his $500,000 fortune to the children he meets — one silver dollar at a time!

"It occurred to me that when it's my time to go all this money isn't going to do me any good," said H. Ross Hoy II of Duncanair, Calif. "So I decided to give some of it away."

In fact, Hoy has shelled out a whopping $7,000 in silver dollars — which he special orders from a bank — since he began his giveaway in 1987.

Recipients are children he meets on the streets, in parking lots, even in school classrooms.

"Some of them just light up like Christmas trees."

Parents charged with murder

My son starved — and it was my fault, says penniless dad

. . . who wouldn't take a nickel of welfare!

By PETE COOKE

An unemployed man who refused all offers of help because he thought the Lord would provide, said he isn't blaming God for the starvation death of his teenage son.

STARVED teen's mom, Lacey Cottam is facing murder charges in death of son

"I don't hold God responsible," said Larry Cottam, 39. "The error was on my part, not God's."

Authorities in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., are holding Cottam and his wife, Leota, responsible for the death of their 16-year-old son, Eric, who starved to death in the family's home in nearby Nuangola.

The Cottams were jailed on charges of murder, reckless endangerment and endangering the welfare of children. The couple's 12-year-old daughter, Laura, was hospitalized for treatment of severe malnutrition before being placed in foster care.

Prosecutor Tom Marsilio said Cottam is a former minister who lost his truck driving job last spring.

"He refused to accept any government assistance or aid-fare from individuals," Marsilio said.

"He even insisted on educating the children at home instead of sending them to school where they would have qualified for breakfast and lunch programs."

"His belief was that God would provide," said Mary Dieffenbach, Cottam's former boss.

HANDCUFFED ex-preacher Larry Cottam after he was taken into custody by police after his son starved to death.

out of food and money and began starving.

"They had nothing to eat for three weeks at least," the prosecutor said. "They had consumed all their food by then and apparently they were waiting for divine intervention."

Authorities said the couple's teenage son was at least 50 pounds under his normal weight.

The teenager was 5-foot-10 and weighed only 69 pounds when he died.

The coroner, Dr. George Hadzeh Jr., ruled the boy's death a homicide.

"My wife and I feel terrible about Eric's death, but my faith in God is not shaken," Cottam told a reporter. Cottam and his 37-year-old wife were each held on $100,000 bail.

Hurricane returns purse stolen 9 years ago

A Catholic nun's purse was stolen nine years ago but now she's got it back — thanks to a hurricane and the kindness of a stranger!

"You know, you hear a lot about the nonsense that goes on but I believe there is still a lot of goodness in the world," said Sister Margaret Mary Wagner, principal of St. Emma-culture Elementary School in Glenolden, Pa.

she said. "I believe, I believe!"

The incredible purse drama began when Sister Wagner was vacationing on Florida's Sanibel Island resort in 1960.

While there her purse containing a wallet, keys and rosary beads was stolen.

contents were recently mailed to her from Florida resident Tom Dietz — who found them in the sand near a lighthouse on Sanibel Island after powerful Hurricane Keith washed them ashore on December 6.

"The silver beads had barnacles on them and the keys were corroded and send-encrusted," said Sister Wagner.

They haven't got a job and they're behind in the rent, but . . .

Couple blows $77G jackpot — and begs for welfare!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A jobless couple blew a $77,481 bingo jackpot during a wild, four-month spending spree — and now they're flat broke and begging for welfare money.

"I wish we'd never got the money. It hasn't made us happy. In fact, it's brought us misery," said distraught wife Lillian Cooper.

Lillian, 34, and her hubby Vic, 41, squandered her bingo winnings on luxuries they could never before afford, such as:

- A travel trailer for a one-side vacation, $7,200.
- A used car, $6,300.
- Refurnishing their rented house in Halifax, England, $7,200.
- Two microwaves, two sets of TVs, a VCR, music center, refrigerator, freezer and other expensive gadgets for their home.
- Dozens of toys for their son, Darren, 4, and gifts for relatives.
- Expensive jewelry.

Four months after the bingo cash made their dreams come true, the forlorn couple are living a nightmare. "We're $144 behind in the rent and can't pay our electric bill," said Lillian.

The family is living on $48 a week, including a $13 government allowance and $30 from a loan obtained before they spent everything.

The free-spending couple has applied for welfare, but it may be a cold day in Hell before they get it, say welfare authorities.

A local welfare official has turned down their request for money, pointing out their financial problems are of their own making.

"If people squander money deliberately and then seek income support from us, then it has to be looked at very carefully," said the official.

BINGO winners Vic and Lillian Cooper with their son Darren and some of the dozens of toys they bought with the prize money.

sweets and the freezer to buy food.

"It's very difficult when you get money for the first time in your life not to go out and spend it," said Vic. "We used to look in the shop windows and never be able to afford anything."

Sad-faced Lillian: "We have always had to watch every penny before, and I got sick of saying 'no' when my little boy asked for things. I regret now ever winning the money.

"We had a few months of enjoyment and now we're paying for it."

Dead man in van gets ticket

A man who died in the driver's seat of his van was ignored by motor maids who kept on writing tickets for illegal parking for three days after his death.

"The meter maids are not commissioned police officers," explained Lt. Charles Owen of the Oklahoma City, Okla., police force.

The 67-year-old driver was found slumped in the front seat next to some medication, said police. There were no signs of foul play. Police said

Hearse driver crushed to death — by corpse

By ALEX JACKSON

A hearse driver hauling the corpse back to the funeral parlor after a church mass was crushed to death — by the coffin.

The casket containing the body of a 72-year-old man tore through a metal pole and pinned driver Jack Valkering against the steering wheel when the hearse was hit head-on by a car.

"The official cause of death was suffocation," said Police Chief Gene Schweitzer of Cold Spring, Ky.

"That coffin weighed at least 800 pounds and literally crushed the life out of him," said the Chief.

Valkering, 58, was returning to the funeral home when a car driven by Lonnie Stephens, 33, crossed the road and hit the hearse.

"The impact pushed the coffin against Valkering's back and pinned him against the steering wheel and dashboard," said cops.

ed dead a short time later at St. Luke Hospital.

Another hearse was dispatched to pick up the body of the dearly departed, who was buried as scheduled the next day, according to a spokesman for the funeral home.

Army's old gray mare dies at 75!

A French farmer claims that a former Army horse has died on his farm at the incredible age of 75!

The gray mare is said to have been wounded during World War I and was left at the farm near Paris by an Army officer in 1918. The officer never returned for his charger, which pulled a plow

Fat suction operation botched

By PETE COOKE

A medical assistant killed her best friend while trying to perform fat suction surgery on her.

Phoenix authorities said Deborah Tomasin, 34, died after being given a massive overdose of the anesthetic lidocaine at a clinic where her friend Stacy Bickel was to perform liposuction on her.

"The victim was given an overdose of lidocaine, something like 600 times the normal dosage, and went into seizures immediately," said Maria Khan, a spokesman for the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

Authorities said Miss Bickel, 25, once worked as a medical assistant for a plastic surgeon at the clinic where she took her friend to perform the liposuction on a Sunday afternoon.

"Miss Bickel had a key to the clinic and thought she could perform liposuction because she had seen the doctor do it and assisted him when he performed the procedure," Miss Khan said.

The medical assistant was going to attempt to remove fat cells from various parts of her friend's body, even though the victim was described as being "a body like a model," one official said.

After receiving a massive overdose of anesthetic, Miss Tomasin, a secretary for a real estate development firm, was rushed to a hospital where she died without gaining consciousness three days later.

Miss Bickel pleaded guilty to negligent homicide and was sentenced to 45 days in jail. She was also placed on probation for four years and ordered to perform 40 hours of community service a week indefinitely.

Woman tries her hand at surgery — and kills her best friend!

Crooks jailed — & spanked

Convicted petty crooks in Hong Kong know what to expect when it comes time for them to pay for their crimes — an old-fashioned flogging with a cane!

Despite protests from outraged human rights groups, scores of male petty crooks from 15 to 27 years of age are bound hand and foot, stripped naked and lashed with a stout rattan cane.

The flogging is usually accompanied by a six-month stint in the slammer.

Sharing with mom

There's nothing like sharing a little drink of orange juice with mom. That's what little Elizabeth Minogue seems to think as she gives her mom Joanne the straw out of the drink. This mother-daughter scene was recorded in a Gainesville, Fla., park.

The tragic end of a lovesick kangaroo

By HENRY WIEBE

A kangaroo grieving the death of his mate banged himself against a brick wall until he died in one of the most sensational cases of animal suicide on record!

"We knew that the animal was grieving but we never dreamed that he would do anything like this," Hubert Klein, director of the zoo near La

"By the time we realized what was going on it was too late. The kangaroo suffered massive trauma to the head and died before we could summon a veterinarian to help."

The bizarre drama unfolded two weeks after the kangaroo, named Louis, watched his mate die from a viral infection in their walled compound at the zoo.

[illegible] refused to eat and became almost totally inactive.

Zoo employees tried to cheer the kangaroo. But nothing they did would perk him up.

"We decided that time was the only cure for his sadness and left him alone," said zoo director Klein.

"But that was a fatal mistake," Klein added.

started screaming that Louis was going crazy.

"We rushed over and saw him pounding his head and body against a wall. We tried to restrain him but kangaroos are strong.

"Louis broke away and hit the wall again. He was bleeding profusely. And he fell over dead."

An animal behavior expert, that the animal had committed suicide.

"Animals don't often kill themselves but we do have a few dozen documented cases on record," she said. "Most of these animals were grieving the death of their mates or their babies.

"In every case that grief and sadness eclipsed their

Prisoner makes a big stink — by refusing to shower!

Inmate Charles McCaffrey caused a big stink in the county jail — by going for weeks on end refusing to bathe or shower.

"He was trying to aggravate us and so far he's done pretty good," chortled Police Capt. John Selecne, shift commander of the Muncie, Ind., pokey.

"He'd go for about three weeks and the stink would get pretty bad. The other prisoners would complain. Then all of a sudden, on his own, he'd decide to wash.

"Then he'd do it again."

The 37-year-old McCaffrey, jailed on charges of drunk driving, was driving the 44 other prisoners and their guards to distraction with his refusal to shower every two days as is the jail's policy.

By RAFE KLINGER

"This is like a dormitory," said the captain. "He'd stink up the whole dorm."

Even worse, the smelly con would stink up police cars when he had to be transported to court for hearings.

Finally, jail officials dragged him to court for making such a big stink. And Judge Barry Shelton-Cole had little sympathy for the offender.

"This manner is playing games," she said. "He's a health hazard."

She gave guards permission to use reasonable force to scrub down McCaffrey if he refused his shower.

"We haven't had to get in the shower with him yet, so far," said the captain. "He's gotten the message."

Capt. Selecne believes McCaffrey was cranky about the showers because he didn't like to be told what to do.

"He has the attitude of, 'I'll do it when I get good and ready,' " said the captain.

"He'd go for three weeks without washing and then all of a sudden, he'd take a shower on his own."

Asked if McCaffrey was married, the captain said:

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Lovers blow themselves up — on China's Great Wall!

LOVEBIRDS blow themselves to bits as they stood on the Great Wall of China.

By JOE BERGER

A lovesick sailor and his teenage sweetheart were so distraught over their tangled romance that they climbed onto the Great Wall of China — and blew themselves to smithereens!

Seaman Sun Le-Sin, 21, and his girlfriend Feng Ch'ing-ling, 18, committed suicide in hopes of being reincarnated into a better world, friends said.

The bomb blast that blew them to bits also killed one innocent bystander and sent several others to the hospital.

"There was a tremendous explosion, and rocks and earth and people were flying everywhere," French tourist Francois Joly told reporters in Beijing.

"There wasn't much left of the young couple who set off the bomb. It really took them apart."

Friends said the lovers had been despondent because each of them was married to somebody else and they felt they could never have a life together.

"They believed their only hope was to die and come back in another place and time," said Sun's longtime pal Feng Ro-dar.

"They thought if they died together, they could return to earth and live out their dreams. They felt in their next life they would find a better world.

"For weeks they had been planning and looking forward to the day they would die."

And when the big day came, the sailor and his sweetheart climbed onto the Great Wall outside of Beijing and blew themselves to kingdom come with a bomb made from three sticks of dynamite.

A New Zealand woman standing near them suffered severe head injuries and died.

"I'm sure that Le-Sin and Ch'ing-ling never intended to hurt anyone else," their friend Feng said later. "They probably didn't realize how powerful a bomb they had built.

"They were fine people and they never wanted to bring harm to others. They only wanted happiness — and they thought blowing themselves up was the only way they could find it."

Driver leads cops on snail's pace chase

A man who stole a forklift was arrested after leading police on a wild but usually low-speed chase all over town, authorities said.

Lt. Ronald Waggaman said 48-year-old Clinton Gandy of Greensburg, Pa., drove off with a Caterpillar forklift. After a chase reaching speeds of up to 7 miles an hour, police pulled Gandy over and arrested him.

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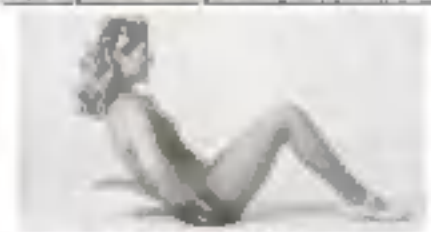

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At 9 a.m. I lost my job — at 1 p.m. we won $1M!

By JOE BERGER

Shook-up Sheila Marshall was fired from her job at 9 a.m. and trudged home to cry in her beer. But by 1 p.m. the elated lady was celebrating with champagne — after she and her hubby won a whopping $1 million lottery jackpot!

"What a wild and wonderful day that turned out to be!" excited Sheila, 40, told reporters in South Normanton, England.

"To lose your job and then have someone give you a fortune that afternoon is the stuff dreams are made of. One minute the family was on the verge of hard times — and the next minute we were riding high."

The rags-to-riches adventure began when unsuspecting Sheila showed up for work at a clothing factory and learned the final pellet the boss.

"I remember how miserable I felt walking home," the mail manager's wife recalled.

But four hours later, a man from Britain's Littlewoods lottery firm notified Sheila and her hubby that they had won 854,386 pounds — more than $1 million, tax free!

"It was like the arrival of a fairy godmother," said stunned Sheila. "I never thought anything like this could happen to us."

The lucky lady and her hubby Alan, 48, don't plan to move from the three-bedroom home they share with daughter Sharon, 20.

But sarcastic Alan is quitting his $300-a-week job in the mines. And the new millionaires are planning a sumptuous silver anniversary trip to Rio de Janeiro — a second honeymoon they could only dream of until now.

"There's a whole new world waiting for us out there, and we're going to see some of it," Sheila said.

And incredibly, the stars provided the lucky numbers that made it all possible.

Sheila filled out her lottery ticket using the numbers suggested by a horoscope that she'd clipped from a magazine.

"Alan normally fills out the coupon, but he was late for work and asked me to do it," she said. "I simply used the numbers for my family's three star signs — Gemini, Virgo and Pisces.

"And as you can see, it worked like a charm!," she said.

LUCKY Alan (left) and Sheila Marshall pick up a check for lottery winnings from TV comic Bob Carolgees

Fired worker and her hubby win the lottery on numbers from horoscope

Man plays 'chicken' with train — & loses!

A young man played a deadly game of "chicken" with an Amtrak train — and lost.

Shawn Schultz, 21, was nearly decapitated when the train roared by as his pals watched in horror.

"He was lying on his back with his head an inch of the rails and just didn't move in time," said Oceanside, Calif., Police Sgt. Bill Krueglerich.

His friends didn't rush to his aid as the train approached "because the object of the game is to see how long you can stay down," said Sgt. Richard Dermeer. A coroner is doing pathological tests on the body to determine whether Schultz had been drinking booze or was on drugs prior to his death.

"He was with a couple of buddies and a young woman," said Sgt. Krueglerich. "They didn't make a move to help him because they thought he would move away at the last second."

The train was traveling 30 to 40 m.p.h. at the time. The engineer apparently didn't realize he had run over Schultz and kept on going to San Diego, cops said.

ELEPHANTS STORM VILLAGE — TWICE!

Angry elephants searching for a lost baby elephant invaded an Indian village near New Delhi twice, the United News of India re-

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MY WIFE CHOPPED UP OUR BABY

. . . but I still love her, says grief-stricken dad

By SUSAN HIMSON

A dad discovered to his horror that the wife he was crazy about had drowned their baby son and hacked the small body to pieces!

Phillip Dacri, 22, of Philadelphia, Pa., said his wife, Tanya, told him over the telephone: "I took care of Zachary."

Zachary was the couple's 7-week-old infant.

Dacri said he had no idea what that woman meant he got home from work that night and realized his wife had killed their son.

"When I came home he was dead," Dacri told reporters after his wife was charged with murder. "I don't know why she killed the baby."

Despite his grief and devastation, Dacri stood by his wife after discovering his son's death and helped her cover up the crime, he said.

He admitted driving the family car when she dumped the baby's remains into the Schuylkill River near their home.

Because of his actions, police have charged Dacri with aiding in the concealment of a crime and released him on $100,000 bail.

Dacri admits he helped his wife, but the anguished dad said he couldn't have done anything else. "I did it to protect my wife — to show her something wrong with that," he said.

"I was in shock. I thought of calling the police but I found myself too much in love. I couldn't call the police. I love my wife too much."

Dacri says the emotional crying of little Zach drove his wife over the edge and that Tanya, 20, was horrified at what she had done after she killed the boy.

To hide the crime, she cut up the baby's body, he said, and placed the pieces in plastic bags and dumped them.

After several days Tanya reported her baby kidnapped, but police say she later broke down and admitted she had killed the baby.

The couple's older child, a 2-year-old baby girl named Christina, has been placed with her grandparents.

"Do you know what it's like to have a son, to care for him and come home and he's dead?" asked Dacri, with tears streaming down his face. "I have no privacy, nothing. What do I have now? I don't have my daughter. I don't have my wife and my baby's dead.

"I have nothing left."

DAD Phillip Dacri says he came home from work and made shocking discovery.

MOM Tanya Dacri has been charged w/ brutal crime

Ski trail's name laundered

After cries of "racism," the name of a ski trail in Vail, Colo., has been changed from "No Tickee, No Laundry" to "The Silk Road."

The change involves reprinting 1.5 million trail maps at the cost of $50,000.

"The trail name wasn't intended to be a slur or disrespectful," said a spokesman for the resort. "As soon as we heard that some people — particularly Asians — were offended, we changed it."

Critics claim the trail name was insulting because it portrayed ski Chinese as working in laundries and not being able to speak English.

Sea monster

A sea mammal said to be 30 feet long with the body of an eel and the head of a horse was spotted by fishermen in the Sea of Japan.

The fishermen said the creature was swimming at around 10 miles an hour and stayed on the surface for 30 minutes before submerging.

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Model makes shocking claim:

PRINCE ALBERT IS MY BABY BOY'S DADDY!

A beautiful German model has reportedly made a shocking claim — that her little baby boy is the blue-blooded love child of Monaco's wispy Prince Albert.

Model Bea Fiedler is supposedly set to slap the playboy prince with a paternity suit claiming he fathered her child after a passionate one-night fling.

How does Bea know Al is the daddy and not some other beau?

She claims her little son Del[illegible] lel is a dead ringer for the balding Prince.

"I knew it couldn't have been anyone else," she says. According to Bea's tale, she met charming Al at a 1988 ball in a Munich, West Germany, hotel being held to promote shipments designed by Al's younger sister Princess Stephanie. Bea says Al's fragile locks and generally personality swept her off her feet and they ended up spending the night together.

She reportedly wants Al to take a blood test. She also allegedly mailed a video to him of little 17-month-old Daniel so he can get to know the boy.

Back at the palace in Monte Carlo, royal flacks have labeled the affair bogus and Despite Al's rep as a playboy prince who likes to sneak up undercover on barking beauties and yank their bikinis down, he is denying Bea's claim.

Monaco royal swept me off my feet for one night of love, she says

spokesman close to Al's dad Prince Rainier "Albert just laughs about it." — London Daily Express

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It was much time in the Big Apple when ex-Lea Grant superstar Ed Asner walked into a posh Big Apple nightclub to celebrate his opening night performance in the play Born Yesterday on Broadway.

As star of the show, Ed was the celeb of the moment. But when he was escorted to his table he got a shock. Already seated there were New York hotel bigwigs Leona and Harry Helmsley. Apparently, Leona and Harry had mistaken themselves at Ed's table thinking he'd be glad to sit with them.

He wasn't. In fact, Ed refused to be seated until the staff shooed Leona and Harry to another table.

Maybe Ed didn't like Leona's perfume. — *New York Post*

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Pal-on Donald Trump is getting fatter with bucks. The self-proclaimed

Jack Nicholson

Jack Nicholson's love secret: Peanut butter & jelly snacks

Leggy actress Karen Mayo-Chandler says superstar Jack Nicholson served peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and champagne for snacks in between their bouts of lovemaking.

The sexy 28-year-old British beauty first met 56-year-old Jack at a ranch lunch in snowy Aspen, Colo. That meeting later blossomed into a passionate affair of all-night love romps at his Thunderbird pad.

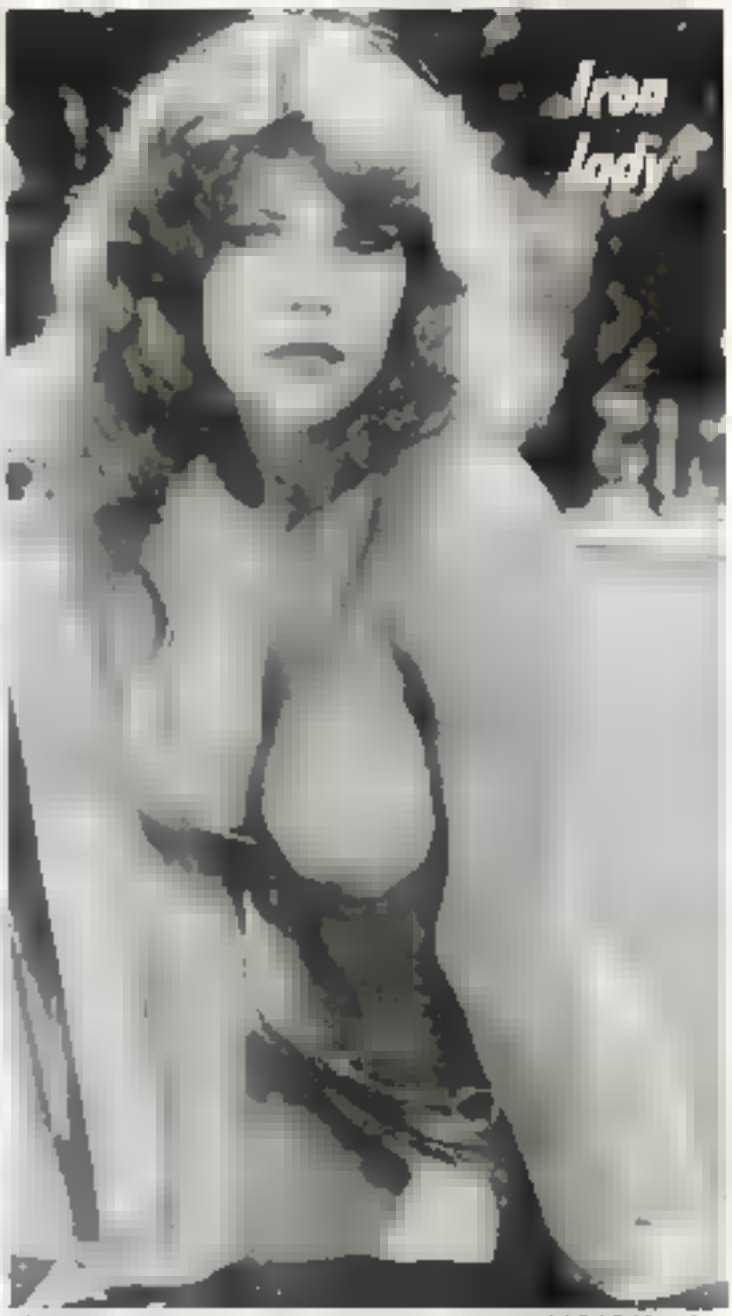
Karen says Jack more than lived up to his rep as one of Hollywood's great lovers.

"I was amazed," she sighed. "I didn't think someone who was in the autumn of his years would have it in them. We didn't get a wink of sleep. It was bliss. Jack can perform for hours. It was phenomenal. No other man I have ever been with had that much stamina."

During their fling, Karen said she visited Jack at his mansion three times a week for their nights of passion.

He made her the center of his attention when they were alone, but she said he would ignore her in public because he didn't want gossip columnists to pick up on their relationship. Jack's only fault was being cranky in the morning.

"He was ready for sex any time," she said. "Apart from when he first woke up. Then he was just grumpy." — *London Daily Mirror.*



Keeping slim and trim takes a lot of hard work, says gray-eyed K.C. Winkler, who

...ia M. Morris Hotel in the Big Apple for a whopping $100 million as an Australian conglomerate.

What makes the deal sweeter for Donnie is that he claims he have paid a measly $37 million when he bought the place just three years ago.

Sounds like someone got a great deal. — *New York Post*

★ ★ ★

TV news blogger Tom Brokaw showed what a nice guy he is when he was chowing down in a Miami, Fla., beanery and some tight at a nearby table held up a camera and shouted "Picture!"

Thinking they wanted to pose with him, Tom went over. But surprise, they just wanted him to take a group photo of them. Instead of getting his celeb feelings hurt, Tom snapped away. — *San Francisco Chronicle*

★ ★ ★

Glamor girl Linda Evans says in spite of her superstar image she has troubles and heartaches just like any woman.

"People think that because I'm an actress and I'm attractive, life is very easy for me. It's not," she told reporters in Paris.

"One of the things I want to tell people, particularly women, is that celebrity or not, we all have the same problems."

While Linda's *Dynasty* riot skyrocketed her to superstardom, her private life has been murky at times. Twice wed, twice divorced, the leggy beauty has yet to be a mom. And at age 44, she may be too old for that role. She says it was easy playing her *Dynasty* role as Krystle because she and Krystle were very much alike.

"We both built our homes and dreams around men we loved," she sighed. "We both wanted children, and searched for ideals that weren't easy.

Now that she's quit *Dynasty*, Linda's looking forward to a new life without the grueling TV filming schedule.

"I feel reborn," she says. — *London Daily Mail*

★ ★ ★

Zsa Zsa Gabor played an oil in a soap opera. Now she's starring in a real-life soap opera of her own.

Zsa Zsa was hustled from a jet when she insisted that her pet panther ride in the cabin with her in her pet, she's asking any of the other passengers on the jet who witnessed her eviction to come forward and testify for her. — *New York Post*

★ ★ ★

Two can not out all the fat jokes about Marlon Brando. Spies who spotted the now-huge heavyweight superstar at the Michael Jackson concert in L.A. say Brando's no longer a blimp. — *New York Daily News*

★ ★ ★

Dirty Dancing hunk Patrick Swayze has inked a part to shirt and twirl with his pretty wife Lisa Niemi on a Showtime Dore stole pay entertainment.

Lisa's not getting the work just because she's Pat's spouse. She's also a trained ballerina. — *Miami Herald*

★ ★ ★

Superstar Robert De Niro may have started a trend when he packed on a ton of extra pounds to play the older, heavier Jake LaMotta in the hit flick *Raging Bull*.

Shirley MacLaine shipped on some 20 pounds to her dancer's frame to play the old crusty piano teacher in Hallmark *Steel Magnolias*.

Movie man Burt Reynolds swelled some 30 pounds to play an older safecracker in his upcoming flick *Breaking In*.

And Randy Quaid muscled on 25 pounds for his football player role in

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Pin-sized Pennsylvania kegler Joseph Lofferello, 11, scores a striking pass at a Philadelphia bowling alley

Boiling-mad housewife marinates cheatin' hubby in garlic sauce!

By IRWIN FISHER

An angry housewife marinated her bound-and-gagged husband in garlic sauce and threatened to cook him alive after she caught him with another woman, say cops.

Police Sgt. Joseph Mark of Osnabrueck, West Germany, said Patricia Hagen has been charged with assault in the incident that could easily have progressed to murder.

The woman had every intention of cooking Albert Hagen on an outdoor barbecue, he added.

She was actually stoking the fire when cops responded to an anonymous call and rescued the man from the bathtub he was marinating in.

It was unbelievable, Sgt. Jarrod Sgt. Mark told correspondents. The woman had a two-by-four stuck in her waistband and butcher knife there as she dashed into and out of the house preparing to throw her husband into the flames.

When we got to cuff her and tied her up, she said she was going to cook him alive, said Sgt. Mark. She was really steamed.

She planned to cook him alive, say cops

told us he had been working late at the office, but she was determined that she was going to cook him.

Hagen declined to comment on the bizarre incident with reporters. But he told cops that his wife went crazy after she caught him with another woman.

Sgt. Mark said Mrs. Hagen, at a smaller than her husband, had used a strip of black to gag him.

Sgt. Mark said investigators found two dozen cans of salad oil — the kind used by restaurants — and a generous receipt for two pounds of fresh garlic outside the bathroom door.

She apparently decided to marinate her husband to make him tastier, said the cop.

Chopper crashes chasing dog

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Husband burns to a crisp

. . . in fiery trap he set for his wife!

By JOE UHLER

Hotheaded hubby Peter Langan begged his wife Susan to share one last night of love with him before their divorce. Then he lured her into a fiery death trap — and wound up burning himself to a crisp!

The busy businessman died of burns he suffered when he set fire to the couple's bedroom as screaming Susan, 40, leaped to safety from a second-floor balcony.

The shaken lady said she threw herself to the ground, breaking a heel, as millionaire Peter waved a box of matches and two bottles of gasoline inside their locked bedroom.

"I was terrified at the thought of being burned — panic-stricken," Susan told a coroner's inquest in Streatham, England.

Shortly after she leaped, the happy beacon of blazing inferno that roasted Peter alive.

The nightmare fire ended the life of a hard-drinking, hell-raising restaurateur whose escapades made him a British legend.

"Peter was the world's biggest party animal," said pal Thomas Deane. "The gossip writers loved him because he was always doing something wild and crazy — gambling drinks, staying out all night and bobsledding with the stars."

Playboy Peter, a business partner of actor Michael Caine, boasted of downing six bottles of expensive champagne a day and often slept on the floor of one of his ritzy restaurants.

"It was not unusual for him to suddenly disappear to America and then I'd not see him for months," Susan recalled.

Peter's outrageous antics eventually drove a wedge between the flamboyant businessman and his wealthy wife. And two weeks before fire gutted their home, Susan admitted she'd had an affair — an admission that led to plans for a divorce. The night tragedy struck was to have been the couple's last together before Peter moved out, and the understanding

SUSAN Langan shouted death when she escaped her hubby's death trap.

PLAYBOY Peter Langan's plot backfired and killed him.

SCREAMING hubby set fire to the second floor bedroom of this house as a plot to kill his wife, but she leaped to the ground and escaped

hubby suggested they spend it making love.

Upstairs in their bedroom, Peter locked the door and asked Susan to undress. Then he grabbed the matches and bottles of gasoline from a closet and started waving them around.

Panic-stricken Susan dashed onto the balcony and jumped. Moments later the house was ablaze and Peter lay mortally burned.

Now investigators say they'll never know exactly what was going through Peter's mind that fateful night.

"I think he just sort of lost control and wanted to make a great gesture to show his feelings about losing me," British said authorities.

"It would appear he set a trap for his wife, either intending to kill her or himself — to do it in the manner of the grand exhibition which would fit in with his character," said Police Detective David Delamain.

Teen gets AIDS from acupuncture

A teenager contracted AIDS from needles used on him during an acupuncture treatment, according to medical researchers.

An article published by the New England Journal of Medicine said researchers believe the 17-year-old boy got AIDS from unsterilized needles used in an acupuncture treatment.

The boy never had a blood transfusion or sexual intercourse, according to researchers, who said the teenager sought acupuncture treatment for headaches he developed while training to play rugby.

Researchers said chances of catching AIDS from acupuncture needles

Gal chases purse snatcher — and gets raped

A plucky gal chased down the goon who snatched her purse, cops say — and the heartless crook cornered her in an alley and raped her.

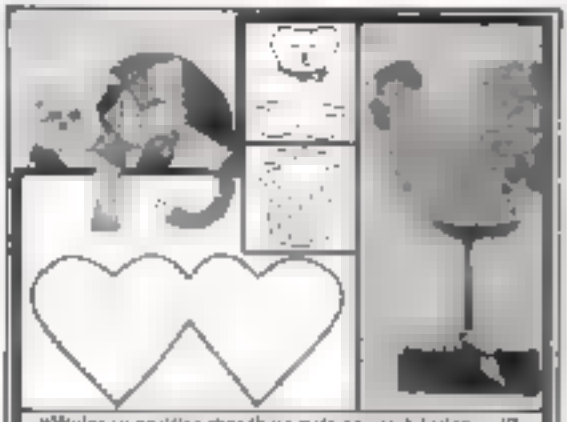
Police have arrested suspect Barry Caldwell, 23, and charged him with second degree sexual assault and theft in the Milwaukee, Wis., crime. The unidentified victim, also 23, was not seriously injured, police say.

A passerby saw the purse snatcher run up from behind her grabbed her purse and ran," said Lt. Victor Vasos of the Milwaukee Police Department. "She followed him.

"She was yelling, 'At least give me my identification back,' and she chased him into an alley. She looked around and she was alone with him and he sexually assaulted her."

knocked to the ground by her assailant, who fled with her purse after he raped her.

"Ordinarily we wouldn't recommend that purse snatching victims go after these guys," said another police spokesman, Capt. Jerome Naleppa. "A good percentage of purse snatchers are armed.



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PUPPY SWALLOWS 7-INCH KNIFE

. . . but she's just fine now!

A 2-month-old mongrel pooch named Pixie turned out to be quite a little cutup — after she swallowed a 7-inch-long steak knife!

But a veterinarian operated on her, removing the knife, and little Pixie is again zipping around the house as good as new, with just a 6-inch scar as a reminder of her adventure.

"It's a miracle she's still alive . . . it really is," Pixie's relieved owner, Barbara Steible, told The NEWS from her home in Jacksonville, Fla. "That knife was in her stomach for a week before we knew it was there."

By DICK GOODMAN

Pixie apparently found the knife on the floor after it had fallen from the table during a family meal. The tooth marks on the knife's rosewood handle are pretty good evidence the pup played with it for some time before she finally wolfed it down.

With one gulp the knife was down her throat. Its blade lay in her stomach and its sharp, serrated edge awaited its unsuspecting victim.

Days went by. Pixie ate her regular meals and showed no signs of illness. Then, a week after she had gulped down the knife, a number of things happened.

"The vet, Dr. Jo Ann Nolan, thought she had just pulled a muscle and gave us some tranquilizer pills to relax her.

"She seemed fine for a couple of days. Her appetite was beautiful.

"But then she started acting funny. Her legs weren't coordinated and she stopped eating. My husband Tony and I took her back to the vet and left her there for X rays at 6 o'clock that night, Dr. Nolan called.

"She said, 'There is something in her stomach but there's a knife in your puppy's stomach.' She had us bring over another knife just like it so she could see exactly what she was dealing with. Then she operated and removed the one in Pixie's stomach."

Little Pixie, a mixture of English bulldog and German Shepherd, survived her ordeal without just a small cut on her esophagus.

"Dogs will swallow anything — pantyhose, bells, sticks," said Dr. Nolan. "But like a young human child, a puppy explores with its mouth."

Barbara said the knife and the X rays showing it in Pixie's tummy will go on permanent display in Ripley's Believe It Or Not Museum in St. Augustine, Fla.

"We're just so happy that Pixie's all right," Barbara said. "We thank God for that. We love that little dog so very much."

PIXIE'S X-ray shows the steak knife's handle in her stomach — with the sharp, 7-inch-long serrated blade pointing up toward her throat.

Doc overpays IRS $114G — but he can't get it back!

A doctor who overpaid his federal taxes by $114,000 and a federal judge has ruled that the Internal Revenue Service doesn't have to give it back!

The mind-blowing tax goof occurred when IRS agents told Dr. Fortunee Kerenge of Potomac, Md., that he hadn't paid taxes on $637,000 he had in the bank.

Dr. Kerenge denied that the money was taxable and appealed to U.S. Tax Court. He later agreed to pay taxes on $346,000 of the loot, and the cases proceeded.

There, to his horror, the doctor discovered that he and his lawyer had made a math error that resulted in a big overpayment of $114,000.

He asked the Tax Court to cancel the settlement. But the IRS objected. And Judge Theodore Wells decided to let

Pet lover betrayed by stray pooch he took in

That ungrateful mutt ate my prize parrot!

By JACK ALEXANDER

A pet-loving retiree took in a stray dog that wandered into his yard — and the ungrateful mutt chewed up his prized $700 parrot.

"I guess the pooch saw our bird's little wings flapping and thought he was a toy," said Bill Jeserun of Spring Lake, Mich. "So he played with him until the little wings didn't flap anymore."

Jeserun and his son Bill Jr. put the strays in their living room until they could call the owner, whose name was on the dog's collar.

They went back outside, leaving the pooch in the other room with Pretz, their expensive, pedigreed blue-front Amazon parrot who was kept on an open perch.

"We have a couple of bird dogs who tolerate Pretz and we just weren't thinking when we got the stray, he thought he was a bird dog. He wasn't afraid of our bird dogs. He ripped all over their backs.

"Old Pretz had the run of the house. He wasn't a talker, but he sure learned swears — especially my wife. He drank black coffee out of her cup. Cute as a button, a real show off," said Jeserun.

"Our parrot might still be alive if he'd been left in the jungle in the first place," he said.

World's oldest twins turn 105

Twin sisters, Alle, left, and Maggie at age 4 in 1905.

The world's oldest identical twins turned 105 on January 11, but Maggie Gruhb Lambeth — the oldest by a few minutes — insists she's "not that old."

Maggie and her younger sister Allie Gruhb Hill celebrated their birthday with a party at a rest home in Chattanooga, Tenn., where they live.

Maggie said her secret to long life is "keeping busy and not worrying about anything."

Allie said she's "not ready to go yet" and has no plans to do so.

The twins were born in Cleveland, Tenn., and have lived in Chattanooga since they were 2 years old. It was there that they were discovered by the Guinness Book of World Records and listed as the oldest identical twins in the world.

Between them, the sisters had 10 children, 48 grandchildren, 70 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

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School switches nickname from Hens to Knights

Students at Henryetta High voted to change their football team's nickname to the Knights — because they were sick of being the Fighting Hens.

The Henryetta, Okla., team had been called the Hens for more than 50 years, but fans decided a female fowl wasn't an appropriate symbol for their heroes.

Brave mom spends a year in jail — for strangling her attacker!

A mother who spent a year in jail for killing a man who tried to rape her was finally cleared of murder charges — and two jurors congratulated her for her courage.

Margaret Sykes, 28, was arrested after a desperate struggle in the North London, England, apartment of Bill McLaughlin — a 68-year-old retiree known as "Dirty Dick" — that ended when she wound an electrical cord around his neck.

"I fought for my life and my honor," said a tearful Margaret after she was acquitted in a brief trial in London. "I've been held in custody for more than a year because I refused to give in to his demands.

"I trusted Bill McLaughlin as a friend. I never thought a man of nearly 70 would try to rape me.

"I'm sorry he died, but I'm glad it's over all over. The jury realized I was acting completely in self-defense."

In fact, two women jurors stayed behind after the trial to congratulate the divorced mother of two and wish her luck.

McLaughlin was known as "Dirty Dick" by his neighbors because of the number of young women he invited to his apartment, but Margaret said she had known and trusted the burly steel vendor for a long time.

"But suddenly he became a Jekyll and Hyde," she said.

Margaret barricaded herself in the bedroom with an electric iron after she refused to have sex with him, then he forced her to strip at knife point and cut up her clothes.

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Pusher traded drugs to gals for their panties

A drug dealer didn't make his lady customers pay cash for their cocaine — he traded for their panties, say cops!

Police raided the man's home in Winter Park, Fla., and found 80 grams of cocaine and hundreds of pairs of ladies' underwear.

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SOUND OFF!

Address your letters to Editors, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Liberace's ghost visits me every Friday night

Editors: I am 64 years old and having the most exciting time of my life — because Liberace's ghost comes to my home every Friday night.

I was a big fan of Liberace's (we called him Lee) for many years and he was always a kind, dear, generous man. I saw him every time he appeared in Minneapolis and have autographed portraits of him all over my home. His death was a real tragedy.

But now that he's gone, his ghost comes by my house, tells me jokes and plays the piano for me. He still dishes the dishes like nobody in the world and I look forward to his visits all week long.

I've tried to explain this to other people, but they don't believe me. Trust me, though — I'm an old lady but I'm far from nuts. Ghosts do exist, and they're a lot nicer than most living, breathing people. — T.P., Minneapolis, Minn.

Ronald Reagan

A real love match!

Joan Collins

Editors: No Joan Collins wants for would stand such excitement! It would mar President Reagan to make love to be the most sizzling matchup since Ms her on *Dynasty*? Gosh, I don't know if I and Pa Kettle. — T.N., Lewiston, Idaho

ROMANCE

Is it the ultimate baldness cure?

Editors: I know there are people making millions selling baldness cures that don't work, but I'll tell you about the most amazing baldness cure of all. And best of all, it's free — and FUN!

For more than 10 years, I really let myself go to pot: and I weighed 345 pounds. I was so fat my husband didn't want to make love to me, and who could blame him? During that time, his hair all fell out and he got bald as a billiard ball except right around the fringes.

Then I went on a diet, I lost 150 pounds and got my figure back, and now my husband makes love to me every night. Not only is he as happy as a kid in a candy shop, but hair is growing back right before my very eyes. Every day I can see the amazing change. I'm sure it has to do with hormones or something.

So, men, if you want to get your hair back, don't waste time spreading a lot of expensive — and worthless — goop on your head. Instead, spread a little love and you'll be amazed at what happens — I'm telling you, everything grows back!

Children should never be seen by their parents, but one reader says nothing rejuvenates a parting a full head of hair hands on her hubby's head.

Hey readers — be careful!

Editors: My mother is 73 and she thinks *Weekly World News* is the greatest newspaper in the world. Every week she rushes out to get her new paper as soon as it hits the stores.

Yesterday, she bought her paper and couldn't wait till she got home to read it. So she had her nose buried in the paper when she stepped off the curb — right in front of a car. The poor driver had to crash into a store to avoid her, but fortunately no one was injured.

Shame on you for making your paper so interesting. You'll kill somebody someday. — W.C., New York City

Dear Dotti

Send your letters to Dear Dotti, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462

Kinky lawyer leaves his 'treasures' lying around

Dear Dotti: We are secretaries working in a law firm in the Big Apple, but our training for the legal profession did not prepare us for this.

One of the partners keeps magazines of sexual devices, nude photographs, lingerie and other sexual paraphernalia in his office, which is a disaster area. No one wants to go in there to look for anything because of what we call his "treasures."

We are worried about the partners finding out. We could care less about what he does for kicks in his spare time, but since it is in his office, we are concerned it might affect our jobs.

Should we have a girl talk with him, or go on strike? — The Real Women in New York City

Dear Real Women: He will surely have a girl talk with him. He probably hated his "treasures" already. Just personally, you can do one. And what makes you think his partners don't know?

But be sure you have another job lined up before the strike.

Working wife should do her job at home

Dear Dotti: I have had to hire a secretary in my medical practice because everything was getting out of control. I was spending more time on the phone than with my patients, and my husband was complaining that I was neglecting my household duties.

Now that I have a secretary, I am able to spend more time with my patients, and I am also able to keep my household in order. My husband is happy, and I am happy.

I am writing to you because I have been receiving letters from my secretary's husband, who is also my husband's friend. He has been writing to me, telling me that I am a bad wife and mother, and that I should quit my job and stay home with my children.

I am not sure what to do. I love my job, and I love my children. I do not want to quit my job, but I also do not want to lose my husband's friendship.

Please help me. — Working Wife and Mother, Miami, Fla.

Dear Working: Do the right thing and make sure your secretary is also a wife and mother.

Teen has it bad for 5-year-old nephew

Dear Dotti: I'm an 18-year-old girl who is attracted to my 5-year-old nephew. When he stays overnights, I make him sleep with me in his Superman underwear.

I've been asked to keep him for a month while his parents are in Europe. Should I let him, knowing that I won't be able to control myself? — Aroused in W. Va.

Dear Aroused: Do the right thing and make sure your parents are also there with him.

EVERYONE'S talking about the wife-muzzle, modelled here by Anne Clark. Husbands love the bulletin gadget but women's rights advocates are hopping mad over it.

Women outraged over 'mouthtrap' for wives!

By ROBIN JAMES

Women's rights leaders are outraged over the sale of iron mouth muzzles created for fed up hubbies who want to shut up their nagging, gossiping wives.

"Ridiculous rubbish," grunged Priscilla Kitchenough (Northern MP of a wildlife group in the York, England, City Council where the muzzles are sold.

These things are an insult to the protective breed the female sex.

Presently on sale, the cruel looking muzzles are selling like hotcakes. Created more than 100 years ago when they were called "scold's bridles," the replicas of the muzzles were marketed recently by Leisure Tours Ltd. Tour Consultant Anne Clark [illegible] "Ever since I got married, my husband [illegible] my wife bells. I never even have a girl in my car," he laughed.

Meanwhile, Lord Quigley Beard [illegible] defended the iron mouth trap calling it a joke.

"The bridle is no more harmful than a rubber smoking pipe."

Anne Clark, who tried the muzzle, smiled as she photographers said.

"It was medieval bondage. I was only joking."

Crooked cabbies make big $$$ with small tires

There's something rotten in Denmark.

Unscrupulous cabbies in Copenhagen have put undersize tires on their vehicles — with the result that they can charge passengers more because their meters read 5 to 12 percent too fast.

According to one Danish newspaper, the cheating cabbies run richer in an extra $1,000 in extra fares for every 100,000 miles [illegible]

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Slain mom predicted own death

By PETE COOKE

A young mom was so sure police couldn't protect her from her deranged ex-husband she went out and bought an urn for her ashes — shortly before she was gunned down on her door step!

April La Salata, 34, was killed by her ex-husband as she arrived home from work in Brentwood, N.Y. The body of her ex-husband, Anthony La Salata, was found three days later at a highway rest stop. He died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

"She was so sure this was going to happen," said Lillian Principio, April's mother. "She would talk about it all the time."

"A few weeks ago she went out and got a will," said her brother, Richard Principio. "She picked out the urn."

The couple divorced in 1987 after 10 years of marriage, but that was the beginning, not the end, of April's nightmare.

Last February La Salata, 37, slipped into the house where April lived with the couple's two sons, Anthony, 10, and Justin, 8. La Salata cut the phone lines, then hid in a closet until his ex-wife came home.

When she did he stabbed her three times in the chest with a hunting knife and threw her down the basement stairs.

SLOOTHMEET Anthony La Salata killed himself after pointing down his throat.

April spent a month in the hospital but recovered from the attack. La Salata was indicted for attempted murder and later released on $25,000 bond.

Last fall La Salata was arrested again, this time for loitering by his ex-wife's house in violation of a court order directing him to stay away from her. The judge in the case released La Salata again.

Authorities were so concerned for April's safety that they installed an electronic "panic button" in the house.

The device, which sends a signal to the police station, went off six times in August and September but April told officers she didn't trigger the alarm.

An investigator wrote in a court affidavit that, "Someone is, in fact, entering the premises and setting off the alarm."

April's mother and sons were in the house when she arrived home from her job at J.C. Penney and was shot as she put her key in the front door.

Police said La Salata killed himself with the same .22-caliber rifle he used to shoot his wife.

April's brother said his two nephews had been traumatized by the attacks on their mother.

"They are very scared," he said. "They saw it both times. They saw gobs of blood the first time. This time there was no blood, but they saw her eyes opened and she didn't move.

"We tried to explain that Mommy is in heaven, but they don't understand. They don't

FAMILY photo of April La Salata who was shot to death on her own doorstep

New on the farm: Contact lenses for flighty chickens

Chicken farmers can make their birds both peaceable and productive — by fitting their fowl with red contact lenses!

That's the fascinating advice of businessman Randall Wise, whose Wellesley, Mass., company is marketing the red lenses for about 10 cents a pair.

Wise says the color red has an unexplained soothing effect on chickens. So when they're wearing red lenses, normally flighty hens stay calmer, eat less and lay more eggs.

"At first blush, it's an unusual idea at best," the chicken whiz kid told reporters. "But once you explain it to people, it makes sense."

BB bee-bee

A boy was wounded in a bizarre shooting when he shot at a bullet embedded in a tree trunk that BB gun — and the bullet came flew back and hit him in the head.

Reeves James, 12, of Dade City, Fla., suffered a minor wound above his left eye.

Acting on a dare from a playmate, Reeves placed the bullet on the tree and shot at it with his BB gun. The impact released the bullet from its resting and the ricocheting flew

Should I marry the burglar who stole my heart?

Dear Countess Ashok: I was born 8/24/47. I recently got sick at work and had to go home. Imagine my surprise when I walked in and saw a man going through my jewelry box.

I threatened to call the police, but he burst into tears and said he was only trying to get money because his mother has a brain tumor and needs an operation.

Well, I've seen a lot of this man over the past few weeks and I think I've fallen in love with him. He says he loves me too and wants to marry me.

Now he's asked me for a loan of $6,000 to send his mother off to a hospital for the operation. I've never met his mother, but my boyfriend says I'll be saving her life, and that we can get married as soon as she's well again.

What do you think, Countess? Should I give him the money in exchange for his ring? — Burgled in Biloxi

Dear Burgled: I removed my sky chakra and looked deep into my pure heart and can find no future happiness for you with this man. My psychic abilities tell me there is no sick mother and that he wants the $6,000 for his own purposes. Please get rid of this man and look for marriage elsewhere. There is one in your office who loves you deeply.

* * *

Dear Countess Ashok: I was born 1/30/51 and my boyfriend was born 2/28/41. We are both risk drivers who would like to find a better paying job. Do you see that happening in the future? Be just like an amazing love connection will point the road of an idiot for a place of action that will bring about great changes.

Success and marketing gains may be around golden down the road. And after all, isn't the human life gone worth more than a job?

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Dear Countess Ashok: My birth date is 4/7/46. Many years ago and then again recently my fortune was told, and it was predicted that I would be a rich old lady and marry a doctor.

I don't particularly care about marriage, but I would like to know when I'll be rich. — H.H. in Oregon

Dear D.H.: The predictions are that you'd marry a doctor first, and then become a rich old lady probably at his expense.

Your reluctance in marry is what is preventing the fulfillment of this prophecy.

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Dear Countess Ashok: I was born 12/10/46.

I am not happy with my marriage, because my wife and my sister-and brother-in-law are all trying to run my life. My interfering in-laws are in and out of our house all day, every day.

What do you see in my future in this marriage? My wife was born 6/18/48. — S.O.B. in Toronto, Ont., Canada

Dear S.O.B.: With Mars in your sign during the next few months, you should be able to regain control of your life.

Take a positive approach when dealing with these interlopers, and stand firm after stating your position with your wife. You should have no major problems.

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Dear Countess Ashok: I was born 6/11/28. I am presently an inmate in a federal prison.

I'll be getting out the end of this year. Can you tell me what the future holds for me? Remember, I have the feeling that my death is very near. — J.H. in Pennsylvania

Dear J.H.: First of all, let me tell you that your premonition of death is unfounded.

As to the future, I sense that your years of incarceration have helped you gain a winning formula for a fresh start. You'll find the remainder of your life with prosperity.

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Dear Countess Ashok: I was born 11/26/46. A few months ago a customer came into the restaurant where I work. He was French and very handsome, and I could tell that he was interested in me as I was in him. The vibes were there, and we exchanged glances, but didn't speak to one another.

I can't stop wondering if I'll ever meet him again. If he isn't to my future, then who is? Will I ever meet a nice boy who can fall in love with me? — Lovey in New York City

Dear Lovey: It's time to stop fantasizing about what may happen a chance encounter, and venture in the store. Look around you! Your true love is very near.

Ask the Countess

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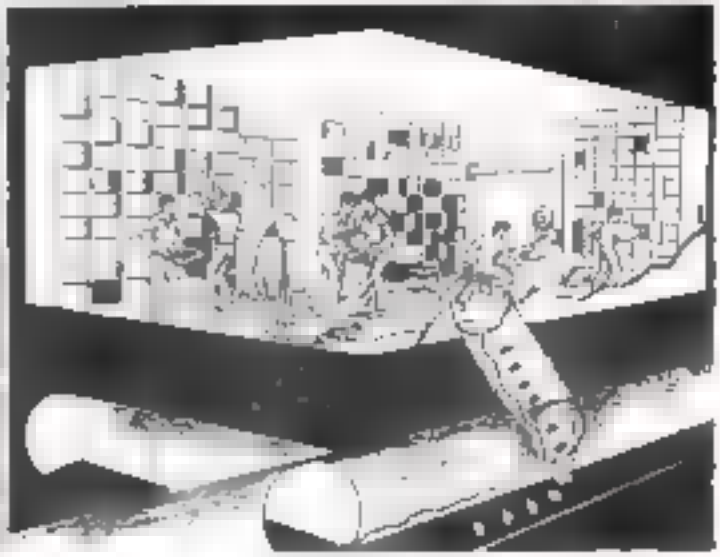

MASTER robber Albert Spaggiari and his bandit band used the city sewers to get in and out of the bank without anyone knowing about it.

Chicken farmer stole $100 million — and got away with it!

By MAURICE HINDEN

It was the biggest bank robbery in history — a $100 million job and the daring thief who masterminded it is living like a king in a secret South American paradise.

And in his native France, cool-nerved Albert Spaggiari is revered as a cult hero by the young.

Twelve years ago chicken farmer and ex-photographer Spaggiari led his band of commando bandits through the sewers of Nice, France, and up into the safety deposit vault of the Societe Generale Bank for a weekend of looting beyond their wildest dream.

Nice is the sunny playground for the world's wealthy — a collection of international criminals and shoulder-dealers. Bank deposit boxes are stuffed with reams of gold, cash and gems.

Spaggiari, who is now in his 50s, was an adventurer and troublemaker in his youth. He had joined the French Army's elite paratrooper squad at 18 and fought in Vietnam where he won three citations for bravery.

But the fast-living paratrooper was court-martialed and then kicked out of the Army after attempted robbery of a nightclub.

Back in Nice, Spaggiari joined a rightwing group, was arrested for hiding weapons in his basement and sent to prison for four years.

When he got out, Spaggiari became a society photographer in Nice where he became close friends with the mayor and other noteworthy citizens.

Saving his money, he sold his business and bought a chicken farm in the country. There, he and his wife planned the bank heist.

After the bank closed up for the weekend on Friday, May 24, 1976, Spaggiari and his gang dragged their equipment — rubber rafts through the Nice sewer system to the bank. For two months before they had used parts, shovels and drills to carve a 26-foot tunnel through the earth and bank walls. Then, they cut their way into the vault's 3-foot thick steel wall and began their looting of the bank. They spent the weekend sacking the deposit boxes and carrying out bags of loot through the sewers.

When the vault was opened on Monday, police found blow torches, plastic explosives and other equipment the robbers had left. And they found the body of Spaggiari's friend at rest.

Detectives traced some of the equipment to a local store where the owner identified Spaggiari as the buyer. He was arrested and thrown into jail. Four months later, the wily thief was undergoing his regular Thursday questioning in the second floor of the jail. He complained that the room was stuffy and moved closer to the window.

Suddenly, the daring bandit dove through the glass and landed with a parachutist's roll on the ground 20 feet below. He jumped onto a waiting motorcycle and sped off.

Police believe he [illegible]

DARING rabbi Albert Spaggiari made a clean getaway

College kids smoking more

College students are smoking more, a new study shows.

In a survey of incoming college freshmen, the American Council on Education found an increase in the number of students who said they smoked, a reversal of a 22-year de-

Rowdy rooster shows he's the boss at animal shelter

A rambunctious rooster tamed into a city animal shelter has been acting dog front like it's going out of style — and giving the hound dogs hell.

"He acts like he's in charge of the dogs. He's not afraid of anything," said Larry Cole, dog pound director in Nashville, Tenn. "He ears all his dog food every day — I guess because he's got grits in it."

The cock-a-doodle dandy ran afoul of the law when dogcatchers were spotted him running through traffic on a busy highway.

Cole said the rowdy rooster would be set free were his owner comes forward and pays 25 cents a day for his keep.

DO-IT-YOURSELFER ACCIDENTALLY SETS HIMSELF ON FIRE!

A do-it-yourself car owner was critically burned when he spilled gasoline on his shirt and knocked over a kerosene heater while working on his car.

Vincent Toscano, 41, was underneath his auto in his garage when he dropped the disconnected fuel line, spilling gasoline over his body from the waist up.

While trying to get out from under the car, Toscano knocked over the heater and went up in flames. Neighbors and his 8-year-old son, Nicholas, wrapped him in blankets to extinguish the fire.

Toscano was airlifted from his home in Valley Stream, N.Y., to Nassau County Medical Center with third-degree burns.

The fire caused extensive damage to his car and minor damage to the garage.

Pair accused of keeping 2 slaves

A dairy farm couple were caught after they kept two slave slaves for more than 10 years, feeding them spoiled food and forcing them to live in an uninsulated trailer.

Ike and Margarethe Kemmuth of Chelsea, Mich., were ordered to pay $34,000 to Roberta Palmer, 72, and Leola Matthews, 68, who were mentally retarded.

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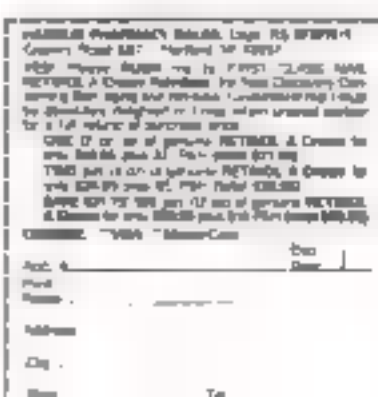


New studies say taller is better

In America, taller is better.

That's the conclusion of a number of new studies testing whether height can influence success in this country, according to behavioral scientist Warren Hensley.

The Virginia Polytechnic Institute professor says 58 of the last 32 U.S. presidents were taller than the candidate who ran against them and lost. And a recent survey of 248 top execs found that 90 percent were over 5-foot-9.

In one experiment, school district superintendents were asked to rate an applicant for the post of principal. When the applicant gave his height as 5-feet, 99 percent of the superintendents said they would consider him for a job. But when he described himself as 5-foot-6-inches tall only 34 percent of the superintendents said they'd be interested.

Hey, gals! How would you like to have the guys eating out of your hand? It's easy. All you have to do is follow these tips from some of America's top experts on courtship behavior.

10 ways to attract men like a magnet

By SUSAN HAMSON

You don't have to be Bo Derek or Victoria Principal to attract men like a magnet — all you need to do is learn these sexy secrets that are guaranteed to have males eating out of your hand.

These man-trap tips are the result of a NEWS survey of top psychologists and anthropologists from around the country whose observations of courtship behavior have shown what men are looking for. Follow them and you'll have men following you.

1 Attract their attention. Women like to feel that he is capable of the dating game, so concentrate your efforts on luring him to you with feminine signals like graceful gestures or colorful clothing. Don't approach him head on or he'll head off.

2 Dress to Be Sexy. Not Outrageous. Plunging necklines and too much makeup will frighten away those guys than they attract, experts say. Instead of flash try soft femininity — pastel sweaters that reveal your shoulders, belts to accentuate your curvy figure, soft gathered skirts that sway when you walk. Makeup should accentuate your natural features, not paint them over.

3 Make the Most of Body Language. Use open gestures, relaxed, natural and welcoming. Don't fold your arms or turn away. Seek eye contact with the man you like, then look away and look back again as if you find him irresistible.

4 Be Yourself. Men like and trust women who are real, studies show. They don't want simpering, gushing females who seem to be on stage. Don't be afraid to act like you're vulnerable and let the fact that you care show in your voice and facial expressions.

5 Learn to Listen. Don't just stand there when he talks — tune in appreciated, make eye contact, react to what he says, ask questions. Interrupting and arguing put a man off.

6 Look the Best You Can. Practice

7 Be Interesting. Read, get involved in activities you can be enthusiastic about. Develop yourself as a person. Men like women with a life of their own, women who won't depend solely on them for entertainment, those who think for themselves.

8 Be Loyal. Men are looking for a woman who will be faithful and true. Don't talk about your success with other guys and don't try to make him jealous. Let him see that you are someone he can trust.

9 Be Affectionate. Men love a warm, caressing personality. Remember to touch him on the hand or shoulder, gaze frankly at him, speak softly.

10 Be Upbeat. Happy Optimistic. If you look and act like you're having fun with him, a man will feel great about himself whenever he's with you. Smile and you're sure to melt his heart.

Sleeping pill makes grandma gun down her sick hubby!

An elderly grandma escaped a murder conviction after gunning down her veteran stricken hubby — because a sleeping pill turned her into a killer.

By JACK ALEXANDER

A jury in Virginia Beach, Va., ruled Dorothy Mathieu, 65, guilty of manslaughter for getting three bullets into her husband, Fred, 68.

A widely prescribed sleeping pill called Halcion caused Mrs. Mathieu, from "the sweetest, kindest, smartest lady you could ever want to meet," into a confused zombie who did not realize what she was doing when she shot her husband, defense lawyer Robert Waltz told the jury.

The sleeping pill is the killer, he said, not the kindly old woman.

Mrs. Mathieu had taken two of the pills the night of the slaying. She had a nightmare about her dead children, awoke suddenly and went into the living room to tell her husband about it. It was then, she said, that she saw a ghostly figure and fired the gun.

Prosecutors scoffed at the defense argument, saying the effects of the sleeping pills ...

Suspect cuts off body cast & escapes cops

An injured burglary suspect escaped from custody police said he cut off his body cast with a hacksaw.

Cops in Fremont, Ohio, said doctors had put the suspect in the cast ...

Dad evicts son who ran up $12G phone bill!

A 24-year-old man was booted out of his home by his angry dad after he ran up a $12,000 telephone bill.

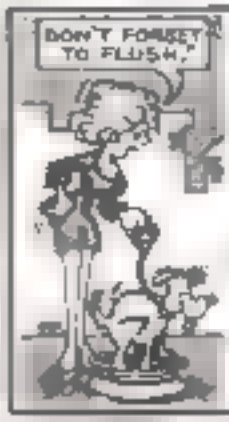
And when Graham Heath of Solihull, England, tried to remain, the man's heavy father had him charged with burglary.

"He's nothing but trouble," said soldier Ernie Heath, 57, at the trial that pleased guilty before the court.

"I thought I helped my son when I bought him a phone. But he turned out to be a spendthrift. He ran up the huge bill and then refused to pay it.

"He hurled foul words at me when I tried to get him to stop. He even threatened to kill my wife and I when we had to throw him out of the house. I could never forgive him for what he's done. He has left me deeply in debt."

Graham, unemployed and living in a council-owned flat, said he thought his family was overreacting by throwing him out.



Public potties — for pooches!

One city in Italy plans to keep its streets clean by installing curbside toilets — for dogs!

A newspaper in Bologna said the self-cleaning potties are filled with sand, deodorants and "attractive substances" so pooches will use them.

But some residents say the city council is barking up the wrong tree by installing doggie johns when there aren't enough public toilets for people.

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DOCTOR DISCOVERY ASTOUNDS SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY!

In what is being acclaimed a "major breakthrough" a group of Fairbanks (Alaska) doctors recently discovered a powerful new weight loss drug that helps the average person lose without dieting. The discovery was made while scientists here at the University of Kansas in Ireland were searching for a substance to lower cholesterol in the blood of people who have the terrible cholesterol disease. Afterward scientists and doctors who participated in the test found that every patient had lost a significant amount of weight.

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Medical researchers quickly discovered that the new fat-losing naturally occurs in the body of [illegible] fish. After taken before meals, it helps to block some of the fat you eat from being absorbed, preventing this fat-calories from ever getting into your body. Through the use of the special calories pass through and leave the body undigested. Even though you eat as much as you want, a rapid weight loss occurs, as your body burns fat to replace these [illegible] calories.

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Further tests of both of the new formula have been made ready in Sweden at Sahlgrenska Hospital, University of Gothenburg. Results published in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NUTRITION stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced during the study even though the patients were unaware of any change in their dietary habits." The new compound is so powerful, so effective and so startling in its effect on bringing excess fat off the bones that it has virtually eliminated the need for dieting or [illegible] exercise."

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COPS BUST NUDE MAN IN RESTAURANT!

A man casually walked from table to table in a crowded seafood restaurant — completely naked and shouting "Hail Satan."

Cops in Malibu, Calif., identified the nude weirdo as Brian Harlow, 28, whom they suspect was downing a stolen pick-up truck that killed a man hours earlier.

"A waiter told him he'd eaten Jaws, and he said he was Satan, and he was going to die," said restaurant manager Greg Bartlet.

Cops booked Harlow for investigation of murder in the traffic accident.

Bullet misses bandit — kills man next door!

A bullet fired by a pharmacist passed through a drugstore wall and killed the owner of a shoe shop next door.

Frank Mastrantuono, the owner of Frank's Shoe and Sole in Wellington, Fla., died when the bullet struck him in the head.

Police did not identify the pharmacist. They did say that he fired the bullet while holding off a robber in his own store.

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Town gives library puss the boot — & loses $80G!

Patrons cancel donations after officials kick cat out

Blundering town officials made a costly mistake when they evicted a lovable little tabby cat named Muffin from their public library — they lost $80,000 in canceled donations!

By DICK DONOVAN

And most of the residents of Putnam Valley N.Y. are howling mad because the friendly feline critter their children petted and fed for seven years was given the boot.

One of Muffin's unhappy pals is Dr. John Zarrow, who said he has scuttled plans to contribute $80,000 for a children's audio-visual center in the library.

Another is Mayor-to-be Marjorie Horton, who now lives in Manhattan and had planned to leave the library $40,000 after her death.

"I've changed my will and even if they won't get a nickel," the crusty old widow told The NEWS. "And I'll never set foot inside that library again."

Little Muffin came to the library as a kitten early in February 1982, when she was found shivering and hungry on the front steps.

She was taken in and made herself at home. She was given a litter box and food dish in a library bathroom and patrons paid for her upkeep by dropping donations into a jar.

There seemed little doubt that Muffin would live out her nine lives sleeping and frolicking among the books that made up her world.

But late last year, a woman who worked as a volunteer in the library complained that she was allergic to cats. It wasn't long before Muffin was given the old heave-ho.

"It took many weeks before we could put someone in charge to Muffin," Mrs. Horton said in disgust. "That's ridiculous!"

All I can say is that neither am I— just didn't want Muffin around the library and get rid of her.

Now she's gone. And no one—not even Bell Atlantic—knows where she is.

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Angry 11-year-old sets fire to mattress and kills his baby-sitter, say cops!

When her pet lizard scrambled for crying to steal candies, an angry 11-year-old set fire to a mattress and killed his baby-sitter, juvenile authorities said.

Scott James was in the custody of juvenile officers in Biddeford, Maine, on charges of murder and arson in the death of Raymond Leclerc, 55.

Prosecutor Ese Wright said Scott and his younger brother, Jason, 8, were left with Leclerc while their mother went out with Leclerc's son.

"Late at night Scott tried to start some fighting from Leclerc's dresser and Leclerc told the boys to leave his apartment," said Wright. "The boys went to their own apartment and Scott got a lighter to set fire to a mattress on the ground floor," said Wright. "The fire spread, trapping Leclerc in his apartment and killing him."

Scott's mother, Janet Bush, was charged with involuntary manslaughter and child endangerment.

Scott will be tried as a juvenile in murder and arson cases. If convicted, he could be kept in custody until he turns 21.

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INVINCIBLE officers are holding young Scott James on murder and arson charges.

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Thieves steal poisoned loot!

Thieves who made off with a bottle of booze, sleeves and clothing had better not take those pills or suck their thumbs — because the loot is contaminated with deadly pesticides.

"Anybody just handling the garment could be poisoned if they put their hands in their mouths or rub their eyes," warned LaVerne Quillian, a spokesman in Miami, Fla., for the Metro-Dade Fire Department.

The loot was contaminated during a fire in a warehouse that contained hazardous materials, Miss Quillian explained.

Honest citizens return dropped cash to bank

A robber making his getaway from a bank dropped nearly $3,000 which scattered in the wind, but honest residents of Fontana, Calif., quickly scooped up the cash and returned it to the bank.

Officials said the thief got away from Redlands Federal Savings with $2,900, but dropped the loot in the street.

Police Sgt. Dan Castellini said all but $30 was gathered up by passersby. The $30 probably blew away before anyone could grab it, he said.

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Angry mom stalks her son's killers — and sends 3 to the slammer, say cops

ANGRY mom Rose Hoffman stalked death threats and stalked and hounded and hired hoss to expose her son's alleged killers

An angry mom stalked her son's killers for 10 long years — and put three murder suspects behind bars!

Housewife Rose Hoffman, 54, of San Gabriel, Calif., ignored death threats to stake out the neighborhoods and biker bars frequented by the men who murdered her son Gus, 20.

Her efforts turned up vital evidence that helped police make [illegible] arrests.

Shortly after Gus's body was found [illegible] Rose suspected [illegible] and [illegible] Department [illegible]

Rose had been working on the case all along. She would [illegible] a detective would [illegible] the police where [illegible] suspects lived. They would [illegible] tremors [illegible]

Mrs. Hoffman [illegible] what would have happened [illegible] both suspects and [illegible] police believe [illegible] murdered or helped [illegible] Gus.

Rose [illegible] Gus [illegible] Gus [illegible] Rose Hoffman [illegible]

The grieving mom [illegible] some clues [illegible] police [illegible] I felt I had to [illegible] Mrs. Hoffman told [illegible]

These [illegible] were painful. I had to do what I had to do — I wanted justice done."

Determined [illegible] Rose [illegible] and [illegible] were [illegible] Rose [illegible] posters and began [illegible] town in her neighborhood [illegible] Rose [illegible] to help [illegible] tips, rumors and [illegible] of information supplied [illegible] people [illegible]

Informed [illegible] Rose [illegible] knew the suspects would [illegible] the thugs. Mrs. Hoffman [illegible] called. I would [illegible] Gus. But I took [illegible] information I [illegible] and put it [illegible] with the [illegible]

I kept [illegible] Baker [illegible] and before I [illegible] Sometimes my [illegible] jumping out of [illegible] I was so scared [illegible] I knew I had to do it. These [illegible] were [illegible]

[illegible] say cops

[illegible] to talk to them."

Over the months and years Mrs. Hoffman's [illegible] work paid off. Last year police arrested Michael Hughes, 35, and charged him with Gus Hoffman's murder.

Another suspect, Richard Dallas, 37, was charged in his cell in San Quentin Prison, where he was serving time for a parole violation. Still another suspect, Leonard Shoulders, committed suicide before [illegible] could arrest him. Last February, the fourth man, John "Slug" Slade, 46, was charged in the case.

"Now I'll have to face the real and I still have to [illegible] my pain," Mrs. Hoffman said. "It's never gone up. I can't [illegible] this terrible thing is behind me. I won't

Want the day off?

Here's what your boss might say to that!

You think you've really been busting your butt at work? Think again. This letter, excerpted from the *Los Angeles Times*, should make you realize just how shiftless you really are. And as you read it, remember — numbers don't lie.

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Crooks can't stop the Superman cop!

He's been shot, stabbed and struck by lightning — but he always survives

An Italian cop has earned the nickname Superman by miraculously surviving dozens of deadly encounters that would have done in most ordinary men.

"Depending on how you look at it, Inspector Gino Vanel is either the luckiest man on earth or the unluckiest," said Enzo Andreoli, a police department official in Milan, Italy, where Inspector Vanel was honored with a medal for his service to the city.

In the past 18 years Inspector Vanel has been:

- stabbed,
- shot,
- thrown off a 30th-floor balcony,
- in dozens of wrecks and
- struck by lightning.

The 43-year-old inspector's most recent brush with death came when he interrupted a bank robbery and was shot in the head by one of the two armed thieves.

Inspector Vanel was dazed but not seriously injured when the bullet ricocheted off his skull. Both suspects were arrested later. Inspector Vanel's first close call occurred in 1977 when he was a rookie cop directing traffic in the middle of a thunderstorm and was struck by lightning.

"I never knew what hit me," Inspector Vanel said. "All I remember was the lightning bolt, then me and I collapsed in the street. I woke up in the hospital about a week later and had no idea what had happened."

Since then Inspector Vanel's career has been one close shave after another, and his co-workers decided to call him Superman.

Police department records are riddled with dozens of reports describing serious car wrecks Inspector Vanel has walked away from, said Andreoli, a deputy chief.

"Of all the police cars he has demolished, not one of the wrecks was his fault," Deputy Chief Andreoli said. "All of the accidents occurred during chases."

In 1980, Inspector Vanel, who is married and the father of three daughters, was stabbed in the shoulder and stomach while breaking up a bar brawl. He was back on the job after a couple of weeks.

According to officials, Inspector Vanel's most dramatic brush with death came in 1982, when he was assigned to the narcotics unit as an undercover agent. He was negotiating with drug dealers in a suite on the 20th floor of a hotel when they discovered the radio transmitter taped to the small of his back.

Before the backup officers could break down the door, the drug dealers dragged the inspector out onto the balcony and threw him over the rail. His fall was broken by a canvas over the hotel entrance and he landed on the sidewalk without serious injury.

"I know the city's insurance company will probably be happy to see the back, but I'm hoping to be around for a long time," Inspector Vanel said.

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Dead grandpa lives in the mirror

. . . family claims!

By BEATRICE DEXTER

An elderly farmer died seven months ago but his family swears he lives on as a reflection in his bedroom mirror!

"Father is alive — he's alive and well in the mirror," Kim Min-sook, the daughter of Kim Jin-kee, told reporters in Pungsan, North Korea.

"We put his body in front of it every day and the reflection just laughs and talks up a storm. Everybody says we should bury father.

"But we'll never bury him as long as his reflection comes alive and speaks to us from the mirror."

Min-sook, 38, says her father's incredible mirror life came to light shortly after the old man — whose body is now mummified — passed away in his bedroom. Family members were preparing the 78-year-old's body for burial when they passed with the corpse in front of the bedroom mirror.

Kim's daughter and son Min, 34, say they were shocked when they heard their father's voice coming from the mirror and turned to find his image looking at them.

"We were holding his body in front of the mirror and the reflection just came to life," Min-sook recalled. "Papa said, 'Just leave me there in front of the mirror for a while. I want to talk to you.'

"We were really frightened, but he spoke so calmly that we did what he said. Since then, we put him in front of the mirror every day so he can chat with us and joke the time away."

The authorities in Pungsan have petitioned the Kim family to cooperate with burial laws, but the family refuses. Now health officials plan to go to court to force relatives to bury the old man's corpse.

"We understand that the family is very upset following the death of Mr. Kim," said Li Hwang, head of the city's Department of Health. "But we can't permit them to keep a corpse in their home.

"We have to follow the health codes."

He laughs, jokes & talks up a storm!

REFLECTED in his bedroom mirror, Kim Jin-kee enjoys a good laugh, even though he's been dead for seven months!

THIS terrifying scene is played out every day in hospitals around the world

Space alien doctors sneak into hospitals — to experiment on human patients!

Space alien surgeons masquerading as humans are invading hospitals throughout the world to conduct monstrous experiments on thousands of unsuspecting patients.

By KATHY HANKS

That terrifying warning comes from a team of Soviet scientists studying the horrifying consequences of this medical tragedy.

"The extent of this madness is appalling," said Dr. Anatoly Kalenov of the Soviet Academy of Science in Moscow.

"We have a rapidly growing number of reports of dangerous experimentation by the extraterrestrials — including ghastly genetic mutations," he said. "And they're occurring at medical facilities in just about every civilized country in the world.

"We've documented the Kim family's case and have come to the conclusion that the aliens probably are able to mimic into hospitals and pass themselves off as humans through some form of quick, painless hypnosis. Then, when a patient accidentally slips and the 'friendly doctor' is revealed for what he really is — a frightening, strange life-form from another world," he said.

"Why are they doing this? We just don't know. But it's been going on for at least three years.

"And we suspect their grisly experiments may represent an alarming new phase in their visitations to Earth — as though they've decided to 'modify' us for their own purposes.

"Obviously, mankind must be prepared to meet this chilling challenge. That's why we've chosen to break the bonds of secrecy surrounding this terror."

Cops ticket gal driving wheelchair

Traffic cops issued a ticket to a woman suffering from multiple sclerosis — but not before flights let her motorized wheelchair.

Authorities in Glassboro, N.J., said 34-year-old Monica Kimes was ticketed after she was almost struck by a car

Lost teen ate spiders to survive wilderness ordeal

By PETE COONE

A teenager who was lost in the Jersey wilderness slept in hollow logs and devoured plastic pouches of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches while he ate spiders to survive!

Andrew Campbell's ordeal began when he became separated from a group of Cub Scouts on a overnight hiking trip in the national Wayne Forest near Sun Lake, Calif.

The 12-year-old boy was in the woods three days when during the dense fog looking for a way out.

"I don't know how he did it, being out there in the forest for 72 days and nights," said Dale Ann Campbell, Andrew's mother. "He kept telling me he had more to do in life.

When Andrew failed to return with his friends, authorities launched a massive search of the sprawling national forest. Officials abandoned the effort two days later, but Andrew's parents refused to give up hope.

Andrew's mother, Linda Campbell, said her son was determined to survive.

"Somehow Andrew managed to survive alone in the wilderness. He tried to stay warm by sleeping in hollow logs or burying himself under a blanket of dirt.

Andrew also drank creeks he caught in a stream and spiders.

Six days after he became hopelessly lost, Andrew was rescued by Bill Osborn, 48, and his son, Mark, 20.

"Mark and I had pitched a tent in the forest in Mark's four-wheel drive pickup," Osborn said.

Osborn said he and his son were about 12 miles from the nearest paved road when they spotted Andrew.

"We'd heard about the lost boy on the news," Osborn said. "I knew he was missing and that the authorities had given up searching for him."

"The Osborns gave Andrew a cup of hot chocolate as they drove to the edge of the forest where searchers had set up a command post.

"The boy's relatives were in shock when we drove up with him," Osborn said.

Andrew was hospitalized for frostbite of his feet.

"His feet are just huge, swollen, purple and black," Mrs. Campbell said. "He's lost about 20 pounds. He's skin and bones."

Town's siren blows its top

Every day for 30 years, the fire siren atop the village police station in East Hampton, N.Y. went off at noon. Then came the fateful day recently when it went off with a bang.

The huge metal alarm just blew up. Flinging shrapnel-like fragments all over the village. One man was slightly injured by a fragment.

Village Fire Marshal Donald Bethel said the siren began turning "at a terrible rpm, and immediately the bearings just blew off of it." He's ordered a new siren.

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Doctor records incredible sounds from the womb!

'I heard my unborn baby cry!'

By CARSON SCOTT

A woman in her third month of pregnancy made medical history when she heard the cries of the unborn child she carried in her womb!

Not only did 27-year-old Shen Xianmei hear the tiny cries of life from the fetus she carried, so did her gynecologist — and he recorded the incredible sounds on tape.

"This is a truly amazing occurrence," Shen's doctor, [illegible] told The NEWS in an interview at the People's Central Hospital in Shanghai.

"There is no record of anything like it before in the annals of medicine.

"It had always been believed that an infant made no sound whatever until the moment after birth when it takes the first breath of life. Now we know — and have proof — that such is not the case."

[illegible]

Angry ghost of transplant donor wants heart back!

By MICKEY McGUIRE

A wealthy cattle baron who was given a heart transplant is being driven stark raving mad — by the raging ghost of the man whose death provided the new heart!

[illegible]

"I woke up in the dead of night," Montoya remembered. "Suddenly I saw the figure of a man shrouded in a [illegible] robe. The figure was hooded and I could see only its face. It was the face of death and its eyes glowed red with the fire of hatred.

[illegible]

"Since then, every night has been the same. I don't know how much more I can endure."

A tall order

Foster mom Jean Burgess stretches to [illegible] Gerry the giraffe during his first public outing at the Taronga Zoo in Sydney, Australia. [illegible]

Docs doubted man really had heart trouble — then he died!

Long-suffering Stephen Greenwood never could convince doctors he had heart problems. But bitter Steve is getting in the final word — with a tombstone that reads "DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW?"

The 40-year-old building contractor recently keeled over dead of a heart attack.

"There's an old joke about the fellow who dies and has his tombstone read, 'I told you I was sick,'" Steve's widow Yvonne told reporters in London, England.

"But my brother was very serious. He was so upset because he couldn't get help for his illness. It was his dying wish to have the words 'DO YOU BELIEVE ME NOW' engraved on his headstone and I'm going to see that it's done."

Injured Stephen suffered chest and arm pains for at least 12 years, but doctors kept ignoring how they found signs of heart disease.

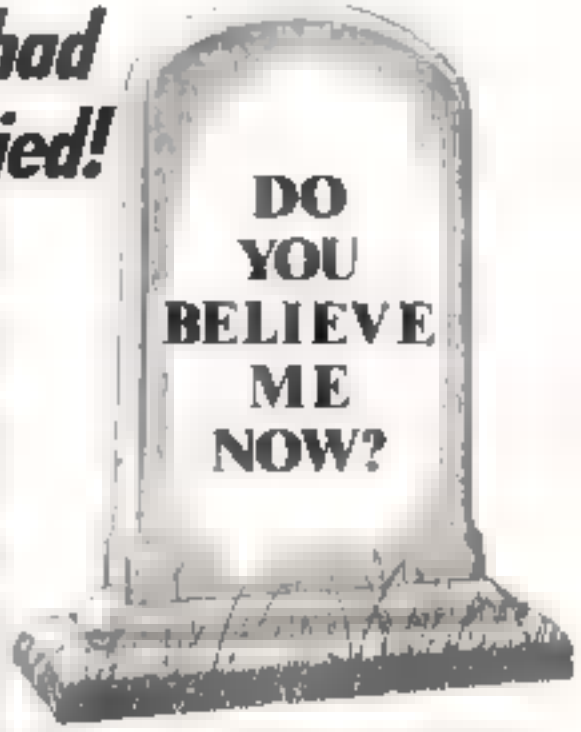
"They said there was absolutely nothing wrong, but Steve always knew there was," Yvonne recalled. "He said the doctors thought it was all in his head."

Then, shortly after his 40th birthday, Stephen collapsed with a heart attack and died in a hospital.

And an autopsy revealed he had suffered from heart disease for years.

"Now I'm going to have his headstone made up just the way he wanted it," said his grieving widow. "It's only right that he should have the last word."

— JOE GRIGGS



POOR Stephen Greenwood got the final word after dying of a heart attack — even though doctors told him for years that he had no trace of heart trouble. Stephen knew better.

Motorist shoots another driver in rush to bathroom, say cops!

A 19-year-old motorist shot and killed the driver in front of him in the crucial speed seat and got one of his passengers to a bathroom, said cops.

Darryl Poole of Lakeland, Calif. was jailed on charges of murder and firing into an occupied vehicle in the freeway shooting death of Lawrence Killingsworth, 43, police said.

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"Iowa has an image of being a clean and wholesome place," said Diane Hammitt, head of the University Hospital's reproduction testing laboratory in Iowa City. "There is a lower incidence of AIDS in Iowa and the Midwest than other parts of the country."

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By Countess Sophia Sabah

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

This week begins with you finding out of sorts, longing to hibernate quietly before a cozy fire. A flu bug or plain weariness could be to get out and about engaging in your normal daily activities. By week's end, social engagements and interesting persons take your mind off yourself.

A business venture entered into on impulse with friends some time ago takes off, proving profitable, with the potential for substantial extra income.

Lucky you!

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

A new acquaintance has you walking around starry-eyed. Not to burst your bubble, Taurus, but you would be wise to check on this dreamboat's marital status before becoming involved.

The week's start finds you taking a firm stand on issues involving co-workers who you feel have been pushing you around. Your superiors agree with you, and by midweek peace is restored.

The combined efforts of neighbors provide a pleasant interlude.

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Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabah's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 Apr. 19	3, 10, 15, 20, 41, 48	Libra	Sept. 23 Oct. 22	7, 12, 23, 28, 33, 44
Taurus	Apr. 20 May 20	2, 11, 16, 22, 34, 38	Scorpio	Oct. 23 Nov. 21	1, 10, 17, 26, 31, 45
Gemini	May 21 June 20	5, 12, 19, 24, 36, 40	Sagittarius	Nov. 22 Dec. 21	2, 20, 24, 34, 35, 42
Cancer	June 21 July 22	1, 10, 18, 25, 30, 46	Capricorn	Dec. 22 Jan. 19	4, 14, 24, 31, 40, 45
Leo	July 23 Aug. 22	12, 18, 26, 29, 40, 49	Aquarius	Jan. 20 Feb. 18	11, 21, 26, 28, 36, 48
Virgo	Aug. 23 Sept. 22	6, 14, 15, 24, 33, 43	Pisces	Feb. 19 Mar. 20	6, 16, 18, 27, 33, 49

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Happenings at the beginning of the week make you aware that highly communicative has broken down, and the need for finding a time to talk over problems and make plans is a priority.

A mystery which has been disturbing your peace of mind is solved when a friend from the past visits and sheds new light on the subject.

Single Geminis find that romance flourishes with someone new — perhaps an employee at your place of business.

CANCER

June 21-July 20

Your firm priority this week should be to list all the good and positive aspects of your life. You've let a down-and-gloom attitude rule long enough, Cancer. The good life is yours for the taking.

Take domestic matters to heart this weekend, and harmony will reign.

Your spouse may not have understand the need for attention, but it does exist.

The mail brings a special treat midweek and brightens outlook.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

An ideal time to redecorate, replace worn furniture and spruce up walls with fresh paint. A change of accessories could change the mood of your surroundings.

Midweek finds your mood in a mercurial and anxious state of mind, in need of special considerations and attention.

You may find it difficult to discourage one who is trying to influence you. Stand your ground and by week's end your persistent refusal will pay off.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Have about hobbyist yourself for a change, Virgo! Plan a day devoted to all your favorite pursuits and that blue mood you've been harboring may disappear. It's worth a try!

Distractions from all sides at week's beginning interfere with your performance at work, but by midweek, tasks are completed to order, and you run rules.

Patience and self-control will be needed to settle dispute with relatives. Try to keep an open mind during discussions.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

This period finds you suffering a minor career crisis brought about by exhaustion from both overwork and an intense exercise program. Prevent a future restructurate by reevaluating your schedule and one of free time.

Streak early in the week frustrate your efforts in planning a romantic weekend with your partner, but your things fall into place and you have smooth sailing.

Married Librans should head lights over the weekend.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

A co-worker causes problems early in the week. You can win them over by following simple rules of how to win friends and influence people. Remember, flattery will get you everywhere.

Take a bow, Scorpio. During this period, a project in which you have been devoting all your spare time pays off to a big way, bringing you the satisfaction of success, and the admiration of those around you.

A celebration with loved ones is called for.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

An invitation issued by someone with whom you have a longtime love/hate relationship disturbs your week, while you decide whether or not to accept.

Midweek, your powers of persuasion enable you to convince co-workers that your ideas are valid. Seek support from Pisces.

The week finds you accidentprone, so buckle up and drive carefully as will be for craziness in and around your home. Avoid crowds and group meetings.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Time to realize your limitations, Capricorn.

It's impossible to be all things to all people at all times. Your desire to do so has drained your energies to an all-time low.

Spend this period reflecting on who you are, and accept yourself and you'll find that tranquil calmness you long for.

A short vacation gets off to a bad start, but on the second day you and your beloved unwind and the remaining time proves enjoyable.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Three exciting new prospects for advancement and prosperity will suddenly pop in your lap. Don't be greedy and try to cash in on all three! Just one will provide financial security for the future.

Your organizational abilities will be recognized by a group of friends who will ask you to head their club.

You'll come close to death in a serious stripe on a city street. A man wearing cowboy boots and a red shirt will save the day and become a close friend.

Steer clear of chicken soup served

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

During this period, nagging health problems and persistent physical discomfort increase your usage of over-the-counter medications, which may cause allergic reactions.

Get professional advice before proceeding with a much needed self-help program.

During the week you have the opportunity to settle a long-standing dispute with someone close to you. Be gracious and willing to accept your responsibility for the misun-

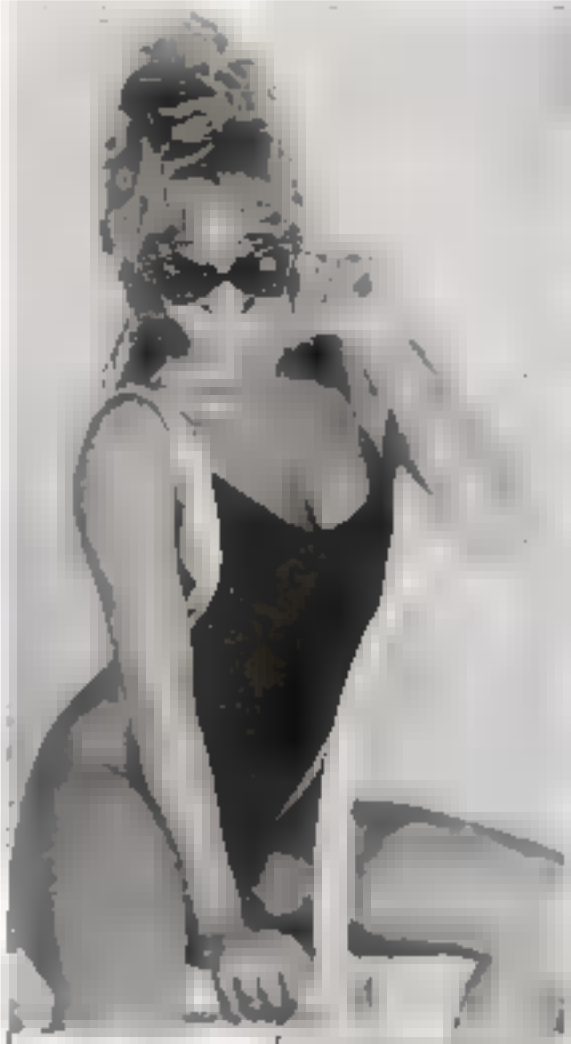
PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Someone holding a key position in your favorite social organization makes you feel like a nobody, but loyal other members seek your company and soothe your hurt feelings.

A midweek crisis with school authorities and children leaves you upset and struggling to regain your composure.

Your busy schedule catches up with you and by week's end you feel frustrated and rushed. A day spent quietly with family members will



Woman steals $570G to buy presents for her beau

By PETE COOKE

A woman who tried to buy her boyfriend's love with lavish gifts that included a house, a farm and a car landed in prison — for financing her romance with $570,000 she stole from the bank where she worked!

Authorities in Toronto, Canada, said 30-year-old Shannon Burns she dazzled her flame to fabulous vacations while trying to win his affections.

"She had a dependent sort of personality," prosecutor Jim Atkinson told The NEWS. "She was afraid she would lose her boyfriend and thought she could keep him by buying him things to make him happy."

Atkinson said Miss Burns stole money by taking it out of a corporate customer's account and falsifying the customer's monthly bank statement to cover her tracks.

"The used some of the money she stole to make investments in the customer so he wouldn't suspect anything," the prosecutor said.

Jim Atkinson described Miss Burns' boyfriend as a "high school sports hero" who wasn't interested in overt proceedings.

Rod McLeod, the victim's attorney, said she was "constantly afraid of being abandoned and felt that she had to satisfy him at all costs."

"Being desperate to keep their relationship alive, she felt that the only way to hold on to him was to buy him things that she thought he wanted."

The list of gifts included great vacations, a house and a farm near Toronto, a car, a horse and a piano.

McLeod said Miss Burns tried "to fulfill the boyfriend's fantasies, wishes and wishes."

But when Miss Burns became pregnant, he refused to marry her and told her to get an abortion, McLeod said.

Prosecutor Atkinson said the relationship ended in 1986 after about four years. Bank auditors discovered the theft shortly after Miss Burns quit her job, he said.

Miss Burns was convicted of fraud and sentenced to a year behind bars.

Soccer fans see player's ghost

The ghost of a dead player was seen by several hundred people during halftime entertainment at a soccer match in Dresden, East Germany.

The ghost was of a player who died in an auto accident two weeks before the soccer match. Spectators say they saw the vision for several minutes before it vanished.

Brainy beauty

Stunning Suzanne Mitchell is as beauty as she is beautiful. The 19-year-old model is studying for her doctorate in anthropology when she's not in front of the camera.

Thirsty UFO

Arab nomads say they saw a UFO land in the Sahara desert. Three robots then walked to a nearby oasis for water.

The Arabs said the robots were gold colored and stood about 8 feet tall. The UFO took on water for almost an hour and then leaved away.

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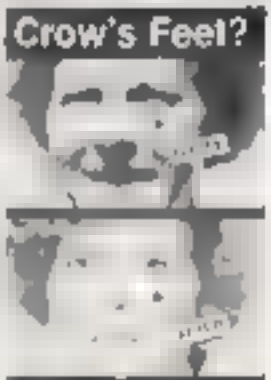

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LIFE-STUDY FELLOWSHIP

Gentleman vampire sucked blood through a straw!

By RIKI MOSS

On a bone-chilling day in February 1949, a smiling, middle-aged gentleman boasted to a London bobby how he shot a woman, slit her throat — and then drank her blood through a soda straw!

"You're a vampire!" the shocked policeman asked.

"Yes I am," the handsome, well-dressed man replied, a hint of amusement flickering in his eyes. "I've killed nine people and you can't do a thing about me."

Thus the arresting of John George Haigh brought to light a brief but terrifying career of carnage the likes of which hadn't been heard of in England since the days of Jack the Ripper.

The crazy, depraved vampire-killer believed he might feel the hangman's rope. But Haigh [illegible] destroyed all traces of himself and his victims. Haigh was perhaps police's oldest foe. He [illegible] him to it!

But the 20th victim Haigh was dead wrong. The police needed was found in the form of a [illegible]

Three officers found — [illegible] — behind [illegible] — [illegible]

The [illegible] perfect murder [illegible] Haigh [illegible] — [illegible]

It was all the evidence [illegible] and Haigh was [illegible]

Nothing but [illegible] — [illegible]

The bloodthirsty fiend was so certain he couldn't be convicted, he cheerfully confessed to nine vampire murders and provided the court with the victims' names, addresses and the dates of their deaths. The British press had a field day. Haigh was quickly labeled "the London Vampire" in lurid stories that fed the public's [illegible] for all the gory details.

The face of John George Haigh smiled from the front page of every newspaper in the country. "I've always had a taste for blood," he cheerfully told reporters. "My mother used to hit me on the hand with a brush. The stiff bristles drew blood and I would lick it up."

And slowly, from childhood [illegible] Haigh's insatiable craving for blood transformed him into a [illegible] vampire — a real life Dracula who prowled the streets of London.

"It's not really my fault," Haigh calmly explained to the court. "Whenever I crave blood, I have to kill someone. I killed nine people. But they had to die so that I could live. I had to have blood and I got it the best way I could."

But on Aug. 8, 1949, not quite six months from the day of his arrest, the London Vampire climbed the 18 steps of the gallows at Wandsworth Prison — but he wasn't smiling anymore.

Modern-day Dracula boasted to cops how he killed 9 people

Kids glued to TV set, says study

American kids now spend more time watching TV than they do at anything else except sleeping, a new study shows.

A report in *Pediatrics News* says that by the time they reach 70 today's young-sters will have spent seven years with their eyes glued to the television set.

TV, teenagers will see 15 to 20

Scientists hunt secret of youth in 'mystery' organ

Scientists are on the verge of developing a drug that could make us all look and feel 20 years younger than we actually are!

"I'm no doubt that someone will find the drug of youth before too long," declared Dr. Ben Cavendish of St. Thomas' Hospital in London, England.

The secret seems to be in [illegible] organ that [illegible] the heart. As people grow old, the thymus shrinks.

For that reason, quick experts believe that it plays a key role in regulating the [illegible] body clock, which winds down as we age and finally stops at death.

"When we unlock the secret of the 'mystery' thymus we might possibly be able to make people live longer,"

IAN Morgan couldn't believe her eyes when Tiny Tim, the seal she'd nursed back to health a year earlier, came lolloping up the steps to see her and her dog Brian.

Incredible journey!

Young seal returns to visit woman who saved him!

By DICK DONOVAN

Like the climax to a Walt Disney heart-tugger, a young seal has journeyed back to Jan Morgan's doorstep — a year after she had nursed the injured pup back to health and returned it to the sea!

TINY Tim barked with happiness when he came back to visit Jan Morgan.

"It's the most thrilling thing that's ever happened to me," said the 41-year-old woman, who runs a pub in Hillswick, a small fishing village in Scotland's rugged Shetland Islands.

"The moment I had eyes on him I knew it was Tiny Tim. The same seal I had cared for the year before," she said. "And I could clearly see in his eyes that he recognized me.

"My first thought was that he had been injured again and had come back to the place where he had gotten help before. But when I examined him, I couldn't find a thing wrong.

"I can only believe that Tim came back out of love . . . that he wanted to see me again. When he saw me come out of the house, he started wagging his body and bobbing his head and barking like a hound."

Almost starved and so exhausted from struggling that he could barely surface for air, the young North Sea seal was near death when Jan found him tangled in a fish net in December 1987.

"I freed him from the net and took him back to my pub," Jan said.

"I named him Tiny Tim because of the wistful little-boy expression he has. It reminded me of the crippled lad in Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

"I kept him for about six weeks and he became like a house pet. Even my dog Brian was fond of him.

"But finally he was well enough to go back to the sea where he belonged. I had tears streaming down my face when I put him into the water.

"But now, a year later, little Tim has come back. I don't know how long he'll stay, but he's free to come and go as he pleases."

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Weirdo drug users spray paint babies & sniff the fumes!

By COLIN McMAHON

Junkies in Paris have latched onto a bizarre new fad — they're spraying their babies with paint, and then passing them around to sniff the fumes!

Police in the French capital say they've uncovered dozens of instances in which infants as young as six weeks have been covered from head to foot with silver or gold paint so their perverted parents can get high. The sickos say the babies' screams and whimpers give them "a higher high."

"It's a strange and dangerous practice because the babies can suffer permanent brain damage from inhaling fumes from the paint and absorbing lead through their skin," said Inspector Nigel Cointreau.

"From what we can tell, the fad was imported from the United States where a number of similar cases were uncovered in New Mexico in 1983."

According to Cointreau, the sick baby-sniffing incidents are becoming more and more common as the bizarre practice spreads among the city's junkie fringe. Addicts gather in apartments or homes and spray a kid with paint containing high levels of intoxicating vapours. Then they pass the baby around.

Each paint sniffer takes a whiff or two of the silver or gold-painted infant, passes him on, and sits back to enjoy his chemical high.

Unfortunately for police, the babies are usually cleaned up before evidence of the freakish practice can be gathered.

"We have found three babies with traces of gold or silver paint on their heads, and that — along with empty spray paint cans — was sufficient proof of wrongdoing to take the babies away from their parents," Inspector Cointreau declared.

"It has us very concerned. These babies may grow up to be retarded because their parents used them to get high," the inspector said.

Gals make the best bosses, says study

By SAFI KLINGER

Gals make the best bosses because they're not as moody as men, says a surprising new study.

"If a male has a bad flight or a lousy breakfast, he is going to be tougher to deal with," said psychologist Robert A. Baron, who reported the findings in the *Journal of Applied Psychology*.

"If the next day is better, he will be easier on his employees."

Meanwhile, women bosses apparently can get a handle on their emotions better than men. They are not as likely to vent their anger or frustration caused by something outside the office on those who work for them.

"Women are more in touch with their feelings," said Baron. "They can separate them from what they are doing at work."

The study tested 71 managers who were about to interview someone for a job. Before the interview, the managers were handed a problem that generated either good or bad or neutral feelings.

The happy interviewers gave higher grades to the job applicants, and they were more likely to hire or promote.

But the survey found that the women managers were less affected by their moods.

They were more likely to be objective toward the person they were interviewing.

Leaders of women's groups said the study proves what has been apparent for a long time.

Irene Jeffery, spokesman for a businesswomen's group in England, said gals generally handle life's problems better so are less likely to be frustrated.

"Women are better at juggling their lives than men," she said.

SIDNEY doxy Hanna Axelson, 37, with her fancy new living room furniture.

Wife sues for divorce after hubby cooks her cat in a stew

A 34-year-old housewife has filed for a divorce because her husband stewed her kitty cat and served it for dinner!

Legal papers filed on behalf of Janet Tolson allege that her husband Henry brutally butchered their pet cat and used it in a hearty meat and vegetable stew.

By MICKEY WEBER

The woman further claims that she ate three bowls of the stuff before her husband revealed what it was made of.

"I have never been so horrified in my life," Mrs. Tolson told reporters in Brunswick, Michigan. "When we finished dinner I told Henry the stew was good and to save a bit for the cat.

"He laughed and said not that the cat wouldn't be interested. I asked him why and he said — 'That was the cat!'"

Mrs. Tolson's petition for a divorce on grounds of cruelty is expected to go unchallenged. Her husband said: "If she loves that cat more than she loves me, if she can't take a joke, then to hell with her."

In a statement prepared for the divorce proceedings, Tolson insisted that he didn't know how much his wife cared for the cat than the couple called Sweetie.

He also noted that the animal "was more trouble than it was worth and is better off dead than alive."

Mrs. Tolson refused to any what the bizarre pet stew tasted like in spite of repeated queries by reporters.

Tolson said his wife enjoyed the dinner so much she asked for seconds and thirds.

"I used my regular recipe for beef stew," said Tolson, "substituted the cat meat for beef, of course. But with all the vegetables in the dish it really didn't taste all that different.

"If anything it was a bit gamy. And I had to skim more oil than usual off the top."

Mrs. Tolson has asked police to look into the case. A police spokesman said Tolson could be charged with cruelty to an animal "if he indeed killed and cooked a cat."

Would-be donor runs ad in paper — and sells organ for $6G

MOM SELLS KIDNEY TO BUY FURNITURE!

By SUSAN JIMISON

A Turkish mother of two sold one of her kidneys — so she could furnish her apartment!

Divorced blonde Hatice Anutkam, 37, wound up with one left kidney, a fancy living room suite, two handwoven Turkish carpets, a deluxe mirror and a beautiful oak dining table. Her right kidney went to a stranger in England.

"It was a desperate decision," said the mother of two sons, 19 and 5. "I felt my husband and had to buy some money to paint my apartment. I got to work but couldn't earn enough. The debts kept piling up and with two children it's not easy."

Hatice learned about the market for kidneys when she spotted an ad in a newspaper in Istanbul, where she lives. She placed her own ad, offering to donate her kidney for a price — and was immediately contacted by an organ broker who offered her $6,000.

For Hatice, the sum seemed a fortune. It was the equivalent of what she could earn in five years. The money was too much to turn down.

In October 1988, Hatice flew with the broker and another donor to London, where her right kidney was removed.

Before going under the knife, she signed a form stating she was donating her kidney voluntarily. A few hours after the surgery, the organ broker brought an envelope to her hospital bed. It was crammed with $6,000.

"I stayed seven days in the hospital," Hatice recalled. "I felt awful. I was so worried that something was wrong."

Hatice says her journey home to Turkey was "difficult," because she was in so much pain. But a check by an Istanbul doctor revealed that she was recuperating nicely from her surgery.

With only one kidney left, Hatice faces a greater chance of health problems. But although she is aware of this, she still feels the risk is worth it. That was especially true when, after resting up at home for a week or so, Hatice went on a shopping trip. Today, her three-bedroom apartment is lavishly furnished.

"I wanted to buy an apartment, but after paying off my debts, there wasn't enough money," she said. "So I paid off the rent for the next year and I got a sofa, two rugs, a mirror and a dining room table. Then there have been presents, clothes for the children and games. I still have some money left, too.

"Certainly I regret that people seem to have made big profits out of my kidney — but I'm pleased to have financial security and to have been able to help someone who was dying."

'I feel the risk was worth it — & I was able to help someone who was dying'

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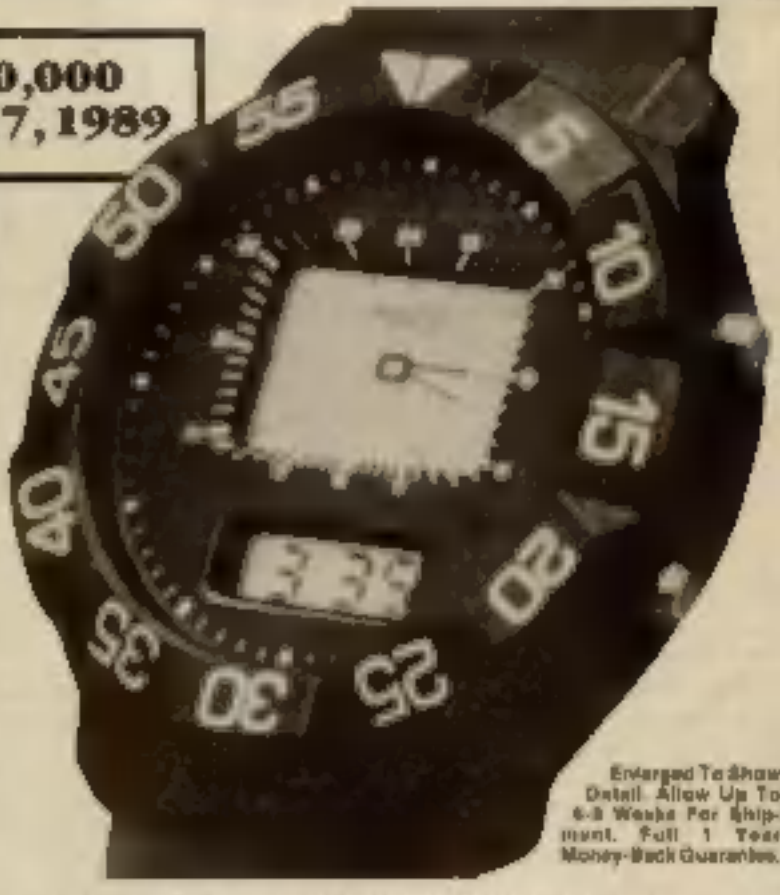

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